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Obama Signs 2-Year Budget, Debt Deal Before Deadline

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday signed into law a bipartisan budget bill that avoids a catastrophic U.S. default and puts off the next round of fighting over federal spending and debt until after next year's presidential and congressional elections in November.

Obama praised the rare bipartisan cooperation behind the deal, saying that 2-year agreement puts the government on a responsible path.

"It should finally free us from the cycle of shutdown threats and last-minute fixes and allows us to, therefore, plan for the future," Obama said in brief remarks as he signed the bill.

Tuesday was the deadline for averting a default on U.S. financial obligations by raising the debt limit.

The Senate gave final approval to the House-passed bill late last week and sent it to Obama. He signed it in the Oval Office, shortly before departing on a day trip to New Jersey and New York.

The legislation raises the limit on the government's debt through March 2017, pushing reconsideration of what in recent years has become a contentious issue until after the elections for the White House and Congress in November 2016.

The measure also sets federal spending through the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years, and eases strict caps on spending by providing an additional \$80 billion, split evenly between military and domestic programs. The Appropriations committees must write legislation to reflect the spending and they face a Dec. 11 deadline to finish the work. Negotiations over the budget, which began weeks ago, wrapped up quickly last week as Republican Rep. Paul Ryan prepared to become the

new House speaker.

Obama negotiated the agreement with Republican and Democratic congressional leaders who were intent on steering the institution away from the brinkmanship and government shutdown threats that have haunted lawmakers for years. Republican Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who stepped down both as speaker and from his seat in Congress at the end of last week, said he felt a sense of urgency to reach a deal before turning the gavel over to Ryan. Other lawmakers wanted the issue taken off the table as they look ahead to next fall's elections.

Obama called the deal "a signal of how Washington should work" and urged lawmakers to keep up the collaboration.

"My hope is now that they build on this agreement with spending bills that also invest in America's priorities — without getting sidetracked by a whole bunch of ideological issues that have nothing to do with the budget," he said.

The \$80 billion in additional spending is paid for with a mix of spending cuts and revenue increases touching areas from tax compliance to spectrum auctions. The deal would also avert a looming shortfall in the Social Security disability trust fund that threatened to slash benefits, and head off an unprecedented increase in Medicare premiums for outpatient care for about 15 million beneficiaries.

The plan will lift caps on the appropriated spending passed by Congress each year by \$50 billion in 2016 and \$30 billion in 2017, evenly divided between defense and domestic programs.

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Jeb Bush hits campaign reset; says he's a doer, not a talker

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**Associated Press
JACKSONVILLE, Florida**

(AP) — Presidential candidate Jeb Bush unveiled a new slogan, "Jeb Can Fix It," at a long-planned campaign event Monday that ended up being a reset to an underwhelming campaign for the Republican nomination.

The campaign, Bush told supporters in his home state of Florida, is anchored by principles and accomplishment — not style and flash. "This is not about big personalities on the stage. It's not about talking. It's about doing," the two-term Florida governor told supporters in Jacksonville, the last of three stops for the day.

Bush's reset comes as establishment Republicans fret over the viability of the



Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, speaks to a group of supporters during a rally, Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, in Tampa, Fla.

(AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

two-term former Florida governor who earlier this year seemed the party favorite. Instead, a populist

surge propelled the outsider campaigns of bombastic developer Donald Trump and retired neuro-

surgeon Ben Carson — and created an opportunity for Rubio, a freshman senator from Florida, to make his

appeal to the party establishment.

While the Republican race is wide open, Hillary Rodham Clinton is a heavy favorite to win the Democratic nomination. Voting begins in February.

Surrounded Monday by friends and former colleagues, Bush's speeches in Tampa and Jacksonville and new campaign slogan, "Jeb Can Fix It," were designed to suggest that he understands the steeper-than-expected challenge before him and will seek to set his once-vaunted candidacy back on track. But he's doing it without changing his message or significantly altering his campaign strategy. Bush, the son and brother of former U.S. presidents, recently announced an across-the-board cut in salaries to protect his available campaign cash for the final charge into Iowa.

"But let me be clear: I'm not stepping into the role of 'angry agitator' that they have created for us, because it's not what's in my heart," Bush said, a nod to the frustration Trump has stoked.

Mockingly called "low energy" by Trump, Bush joked about the advice he's received.

"Nail that zinger. Be angrier. Hide your inner wonk," the term for an official motivated by policy as Bush is. "But I've learned two important things serving as your governor. One, I can't be something I'm not. And two, getting something done isn't about yelling into a camera." □

White House: Ryan's immigration remarks 'preposterous'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House accused new Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan on Monday of "pandering to the extreme right wing" of his party on immigration.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Ryan's recent comments on immigration reform are "preposterous" and disappointing. Ryan said Sunday that he's ruled out passing comprehensive immigration legislation while President Barack Obama is in office. He said Obama cannot be trusted on the issue because he

went around Congress to take executive actions shielding from deportation millions of people living in the country illegally. Earnest called the remark "ironic." He said it's Ryan who supported an immigration deal, then failed to push for it to come up for a vote in the House.

The White House criticism comes as Ryan is maneuvering carefully on the issue of immigration, long a priority for him. With most House conservatives wary of anything that could constitute "amnesty" for the 11.5 million immigrants living here illegally, Ryan has offered repeated assurances, be-

fore and after becoming speaker last week, that he will not pursue comprehensive immigration legislation as long as Obama is president.

It's a new stance for Ryan, who as recently as last year was working behind the scenes in the House to promote immigration legislation following Senate passage of a comprehensive bill, including a path to citizenship for those here illegally.

The secretive House efforts largely collapsed in the aftermath of former Majority Leader Eric Cantor's upset loss in a Republican primary election in June of 2014,

attributed to Cantor's supposed support for immigration legislation.

Ryan even embraced eventual citizenship for those here illegally, something that's anathema to many conservatives. In a 2013 appearance before the City Club of Chicago alongside the leading pro-immigrant activist in the House, Democratic Rep. Luis Guterierrez, Ryan said: "We do not want to have a society where we have different classes of people who cannot reach their American dream by being a full citizen. That is a very important part of immigration reform." □

Police backlash puts pressure on Tarantino's 'Hateful Eight'

JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Calls by police groups to boycott Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight" are putting pressure on one of December's most anticipated releases and inserting one of Hollywood's top directors into a pitched cultural battle.

In recent days, a growing number of police groups have called for the boycott of the upcoming Weinstein Co. release.

After local police organizations in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles, the National Association of Police Organizations recently joined the ranks opposing Tarantino after remarks the director made during a recent rally against police brutality.

"We ask officers to stop working special assignments or off-duty jobs, such as providing security, traffic control or technical advice for any of Tarantino's projects," the organization said in a statement. "We need to send a loud and clear message that such hateful rhetoric against police officers is unacceptable."

Tarantino attended the Brooklyn rally against brutality on Oct. 24 where he told The Associated Press:

"I'm a human being with a conscience. And if you believe there's murder going on then you need to rise up and stand up against it. I'm here to say I'm on the side of the murdered."

Tarantino's comments drew condemnation from, among others, New York Police Department Commissioner William Bratton. "Shame on him," he said, speaking shortly after the recent fatal shooting of NYPD officer Randolph Holder in East Harlem. "There are no words to describe the contempt I have for him and his comments at this particular time."

The response has made Tarantino a regular topic on Fox News and at Hollywood soirees, alike. Fox News' Bill O'Reilly last week said Tarantino "lives in a world of his own." At the Hollywood Film Awards on Sunday night in Los Angeles, Jamie Foxx, star of Tarantino's "Django Unchained," defended the director. Foxx urged him: "Keep telling the truth and don't worry about none of the haters."

Tarantino's father, Tony Tarantino, has even issued a statement through the New York Police Patrolmen's Benevolent Association saying his son is "dead wrong" about police officers. □



FILE - In this Oct. 24, 2015 file photo, director Quentin Tarantino, center, participates in a rally to protest against police brutality in New York. Calls by police groups to boycott Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight" are putting pressure on one of December's most anticipated releases and inserting one of Hollywood's top directors into a pitched cultural battle. In recent days, a growing number of police groups have called for the boycott of the upcoming Weinstein Co. release. (AP Photo/Patrick Sison, File)

Feds: Wreckage is identified as ill-fated cargo ship El Faro

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Associated Press

Federal investigators on Monday identified wreckage found 15,000 feet deep in the sea as that of the ill-fated cargo ship El Faro.

The National Transportation Safety Board said on Twitter that the survey of the deep-water site will continue as investigators continue seeking more information about the final moments of the ship and its crew. The El Faro sank in about 15,000 feet of water Oct. 1 during Hurricane Joaquin with 33 people aboard, east of the Bahamas. No survivors were found.

Sonar indicates the ship

landed upright, which could help crews recover the ship's voyage data recorder, or "black box," the NTSB said.

Crews sent down a remotely operated vehicle to confirm the wreckage after sonar images picked it up on Saturday. The U.S. Navy will continue searching the wreck site and debris field on Tuesday with the vehicle and its underwater video cameras.

The "black box" could hold a wealth of key information including audio from the bridge during key decision-making moments, and comments from the captain and others about the condition of the ship. □

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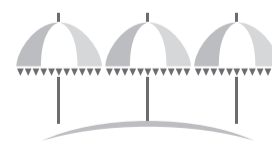
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Man says wife beat him before he posted picture of her body

CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer
MIAMI (AP) — A man who killed his wife and posted a photo of her corpse on Facebook shot her in self-defense because he lived in fear of her drug abuse, violent tendencies and even Satan worship, the man's attorney said Monday. Defense attorney Saam Zangeneh said Monday that he will seek to introduce evidence that 27-year-old Jennifer Alfonso was an avid user of

synthetic drugs such as Ecstasy, that she battered her husband and that she was deeply involved in the occult and Satan worship. Jury selection begins Tuesday for Derek Medina, 33, who faces life in prison if convicted of the August 2013 slaying at the couple's South Miami home. Medina has been jailed since his arrest. The case gained national attention because Medina posted the photo of Alfonso's body on Facebook,

admitting in the post that he killed her and would likely go to prison. In later interviews with police, however, he said it was self-defense. Zangeneh said Alfonso started the fight, which escalated to the point where she came after Medina with a knife. He then shot her. "She initiated a confrontation. My client tried to calm her down," Zangeneh said during a hearing on trial evidence before Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Yvonne

Colodny. Prosecutor Scott Dunn urged Colodny to limit defense use of the allegations involving Alfonso, reminding the judge that she is the victim and is not on trial. "It is not open season on a victim just because a defendant is claiming self-defense," Dunn said. The prosecution will seek to cast doubt on the self-defense claim with evidence that Medina was an accomplished amateur boxer who had little to fear from

his physically weaker wife. Other evidence shows that Medina had years earlier told a friend he would kill Alfonso if she ever tried to leave him, which her friends said was her plan. Colodny ruled that the evidence involving the Alfonso allegations could only be used if the proper legal foundation is laid for the jury. She also imposed some limits on the prosecution's use of the Medina boxing evidence. □

Colorado Springs gunman identified as 33-year-old

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Associated Press
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — The man who fatally shot three people during a rampage through the streets of Colorado Springs was a recovering alcoholic who posted an online video two days earlier expressing displeasure with his father for allegedly falling under the sway of a particular preacher — but gave no indication of the violence to come. Authorities on Monday identified the gunman as 33-year-old Noah Jacob Harpham, who lived just steps from where his first victim was slain on Saturday. Witnesses said Harpham



The rear window of a Colorado Springs Police car is shattered after a shooting in Colorado Springs, Colo. The man who fatally shot three people during a rampage through the streets of Colorado Springs was 33-year-old Noah Jacob Harpham, who lived just feet from where his first victim was killed.

(Christian Murdock/The Gazette via AP)

had a rifle in one hand and a revolver in the other when he first killed a bicyclist. He then calmly walked

less than a mile and fatally shot two women who were chatting on the porch of a sobriety house. Harpham

was then killed in a gunbattle with police. A motive for the downtown shootings in broad daylight was unknown, and Harpham left few clues in blog posts and on social media. His mother, Heather Kopp, a freelance writer living in New York, described his longtime struggle with addiction in "Sober mercies: How love caught up with a Christian Drunk," a book also about her own battle with alcoholism. Authorities have not said whether there was any link between his substance abuse problems and the fact that two of his victims were women who themselves were in addiction recovery. Colorado Springs

police released no new details about the shooting and refused to identify those killed pending the completion of autopsies. The El Paso County sheriff's office said four officers fired at Harpham but that they were not wearing body cameras, and their squad cars were not equipped with dashboard cameras. A fuller picture of Harpham emerged in details from his mother's book, in which she described him as "introverted and moody" and turning to drugs and alcohol around the time he gave up on college. Kopp said Harpham, who was living in Eugene, Oregon at the time, "struggled just to live and keep a job." □

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US Financial Front:

American factories grow at slowest pace in 2½ years; hiring falls



Oil field workers drill into the Gypsum Hills near Medicine Lodge, Kan. U.S. factory activity grew in October 2015 at its slowest pace since May 2013, the Institute for Supply Management reported Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, as manufacturers pared their stockpiles and cut jobs. Sharp falls in oil and natural gas prices have caused drilling firms to cut back on orders for steel pipe and other equipment used to build rigs.

(AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. factory activity grew last month at its slowest pace

since May 2013 as manufacturers pared their stockpiles and cut jobs. The Institute for Supply Management said Mon-

day that its index of factory activity slipped to 50.1 in October from 50.2 in September. The figures barely signal growth, which is any reading above 50.

U.S. manufacturers have been squeezed this year as a strong dollar and weak economies in China and other key foreign markets have cut into exports. A high dollar makes U.S. goods pricier overseas while lowering prices for imports that compete with American products.

Monday's report showed that a measure of hiring fell sharply, from 50.5 to 47.6. That means manufacturers cut jobs last month.

Still, the report contained some bright signs: New orders jumped, suggesting

that business may pick up in coming months. And a gauge of production rose for the first time since July.

"We're hopeful this will mark the low," Ian Shepherdson, an economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said in a note to clients. "It looks as though the downshift in manufacturing activity may be coming to an end."

Both manufacturers and their customers are cutting back on stockpiles, which slows production as companies sell existing goods rather than order new ones. But that trend slowed last month and may soon be complete, said Bradley Holcomb, chair of the ISM's manufacturing survey committee.

Sharp declines in oil and natural gas prices have led drilling companies to reduce orders for steel pipe and other equipment used to build rigs. That trend, combined with the strong dollar, has helped lower the ISM's index from roughly 57 late last year to 50.1. The ISM is a trade group of purchasing managers.

Strong car sales, which are running at their highest level in a decade, are one of the few trends that are working in the opposite direction and boosting factory output.

A slowdown in China, the world's second-largest economy, has delivered a direct hit on construction equipment makers such as Caterpillar. □

US construction spending rises 0.6 percent during September

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. construction spending rose 0.6 percent in September to the highest level since March 2008, pushed up by a surge in apartment building.

The Commerce Department said Monday that spending on construction rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.09 trillion. Construction of apartments and condominiums jumped 4.9 percent in September from August, while construction of single-family homes rose 1.3 percent. Overall, private residential construction rose to the highest level since January 2008.

The housing market has proven relatively resilient this year amid economic weakness overseas that has hurt American manufacturers and limited hiring. Commerce reported last week that private investment in housing grew at an annual pace of 6.1 percent from July through September — four times the 1.5 percent growth registered by the overall economy.

Spending on nonresidential construction slipped 0.1 percent in September, Commerce said. But spending on construction of churches and other religious buildings rose 5.6 percent.

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Turkey president urges respect for his party's election win



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, left, speaks to supporters after morning prayers at Eyup Sultan Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. Erdogan hailed a big victory for his ruling party in parliamentary elections and called on the world to respect it.

(Presidential Press Service/via AP)

DESMOND BUTLER
SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press
ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday hailed a big victory for his ruling party in the country's parliamentary election and demanded the world respect the result.

The ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, secured a stunning victory in Sunday's snap parliamentary election, sweeping back into single-party rule only five months after losing it.

With all of the ballots

counted early on Monday, the preliminary results showed that the party won more than 49 percent of the votes. It was projected to get 317 seats in the 550-member parliament, restoring the party's single-party majority that it had lost in a June election.

Turkish financial assets were buoyant Monday after the AKP's victory as investors hoped it will bring an end to a long period of political uncertainty. The Turkish lira was one big beneficiary from the result, surging by 5 percent or so on foreign exchange markets.

"The whole world must show respect. So far I haven't seen such a maturity from the world," Erdogan said after attending prayers at a mosque and visiting his parents' graves. It was an apparent reference to Western media's often critical coverage of AKP's policies in the past few years, including the ruling party's backsliding on democratic reforms and moves to muzzle critical voices.

of parliamentarians from the Council of Europe, told a news conference in Ankara. There were no allegations of large-scale fraud.

Any hope that Erdogan would ease media repression evaporated on Monday after a court ordered police to seize all copies of a weekly political magazine for suggesting on its front page that the aftermath of the election would mark the start of a civil war in the country. Nokta magazine said on its website that its chief editor and a manager were expected to be questioned for allegedly inciting people to violence. Erdogan had called for a new election after Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu failed to form a coalition with any of the three opposition parties in parliament after the June vote.

Sunday's election was held amid renewed violence and Erdogan and Davutoglu argued that only a single-party majority could restore stability.

Fighting between Turkey's security forces and Kurdish rebels has left hundreds of people dead and shattered an already-fragile peace process. Two recent massive suicide bombings at pro-Kurdish gatherings that killed some 130 people, apparently carried out by an Islamic State group cell, also raised tensions.

"The will of the people ... opted for stability," Erdogan said. "The developments in that short span of time made the people say: 'there is no way out other than stability.'"

Most analysts had expected AKP to fall short of a majority again, but the preliminary results suggest it picked up millions of votes at the expense of a nationalist party and a pro-Kurdish party. □



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Palestinians stab 80-year-old woman, others in 2 attacks



A Palestinian student tries to break the separation barrier between the West Bank and Israel in Abu Dis during a protest Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. A series of Palestinian attacks linked to tensions over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site began in mid-September. In addition to the near-daily attacks, violent demonstrations have erupted in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, with Palestinian stone-throwers clashing with Israeli troops.

(AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

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JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian stabbed and wounded a 70-year-old man in northern Israel before being shot by officers, police said Monday just hours after another Palestinian knifed several people, including an 80-year-old woman, in a stabbing spree near Tel Aviv, the latest attacks in more than a month of violence. The attacks came after Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian who they say tried to stab a soldier in the West Bank. A Palestinian stabbed and wounded a 70-year-old Israeli man, seriously wounding him as he walked down the street in the northern city of Netanya, police said Monday evening before he was shot and wounded by police.

Earlier, Israeli police said a Palestinian stabbed an 80-year-old woman in the back on a street in Rishon Lezion near Tel Aviv Monday afternoon and then stabbed a man in the chest before continuing to run down the street and carrying out another attack.

Police Spokeswoman Luba Samri said that after stabbing the first two Israelis, the Palestinian, a 19-year-old from the West Bank city of Hebron, tried to enter a clothing shop but a woman in the store slammed a door on him. The Palestinian then went into a cos-

metics store and stabbed another man. Bystanders managed to tackle and apprehend the attacker. Police then arrived on motorcycles and detained him. Yitzhak Scharf of Assaf Harofeh Medical Center said that 80-year-old woman was stabbed in the back and waist and sustained damage to blood vessels and fractured her hip. A 40-year-old man was stabbed multiple times in the chest. Another person was lightly wounded he said. The military said the earlier incident in the West Bank was the third attempted stabbing near the checkpoint between the West Bank and Israel in recent weeks. After soldiers approached two Palestinians at a gas station, one attempted to stab a soldier with a knife before the soldiers shot him, the army said. Forces treated the wounded Palestinian at the scene, the army said, but he died of his wounds. Palestinian officials said he was 16 years old. The other Palestinian was arrested.

The official Palestinian news agency Wafa said he was wounded in the incident. Video later emerged of a Palestinian smashing a female tour guide over the head with a bottle and then running away outside Jerusalem's Old City. Police said they later apprehended the Palestinian. A series of Palestinian attacks linked to tensions over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site began in mid-September. In addition to the near-daily attacks, violent demonstrations have erupted in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, with Palestinian stone-throwers clashing with Israeli troops. Eleven Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings. Sixty-nine Palestinians have died by Israeli fire, including 43 who Israel says were involved in attacks or attempted attacks. Israel says the outburst of violence is the result of Palestinian incitement. Palestinians say the violence stems from a lack of hope for gaining independence after years of failed peace efforts. □

Activists: suspected Russian jets hit Syria's Palmyra

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Suspected Russian warplanes bombed the outskirts of Islamic State-held Palmyra on Monday, sending smoke rising out of an area that includes a historic castle overlooking the Syrian city's Roman ruins, activists said. An activist in Palmyra who goes by the name Nasser al-Thaer said at least eight airstrikes struck the area of the Islamic-era castle,

sending smoke and clouds of dust rising from the hill where the castle is located. An earlier round of airstrikes on Sunday hit behind the castle, al-Thaer told The Associated Press in a series of telephone messages. He said it was difficult to assess damage because of the ongoing airstrikes. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 10 suspected Russian airstrikes targeted the castle area in Palmyra,

causing damage. The group, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, did not provide further details. Palmyra, seized by the IS group in May, is home to world-famous Roman ruins and was one of Syria's most attractive tourist destinations. The Islamic State group has destroyed a number of its renowned sites, including the Temple of Bel and the iconic Arc of Triumph, be-

cause it believes ancient artifacts promote idolatry. Activists also reported suspected Russian airstrikes on a nearby town, Qaryatayn, which was seized by IS fighters in August. The Observatory said at least 10 people were killed in the central town. The Local Coordination Committees, another monitoring group, said at least 15 civilians were killed after the airstrikes hit a bread distribution center. □

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Mystery, confusion surround Russian plane crash in Egypt

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Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

— Mystery and confusion surrounded the final moments of a Russian jetliner that plummeted suddenly from high altitude to the Egyptian desert, killing all 224 people aboard. The airline Monday ruled out pilot error or a technical fault, but Russian aviation officials dismissed those comments as premature. Some aviation experts raised the possibility that a bomb on board the Metrojet Airbus A321-200 brought it down, while others cited an incident in 2001 when the aircraft grazed the runway with its tail while landing.

James Clapper, the U.S. director of national intelligence, said that while there is no direct evidence of any terrorist involvement yet, it couldn't be excluded that the plane was brought down by Islamic State extremists in the Sinai Peninsula.

"It's unlikely, but I wouldn't rule it out," he told reporters in Washington.

Asked if a terrorist attack could be ruled out, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said: "No versions could be excluded."

The Metrojet was flying at 31,000 feet over the Sinai when it crashed Saturday only 23 minutes after taking off from the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for St. Petersburg with mostly Russian passengers.

Metrojet firmly denied that the crash could have been caused by either equipment failure or crew error.

"The only possible explanation could be an external impact on the airplane," Metrojet's deputy director

Alexander Smirnov told a news conference in Moscow. When pressed for more details, Smirnov said he was not at liberty to discuss them because the investigation was ongoing.

Asked if the plane could have been brought down by a terrorist attack, he said only that "anything was possible."

But Russia's top aviation official, Alexander Neradko, dismissed the company's statement as premature and unfounded.

In televised comments from Egypt, Neradko said it would be possible to draw conclusions about the crash only after experts examined the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders and studied the wreckage.

He said the large area where debris were scattered indicated the jet had broken up at high altitude, but he refrained from citing a reason for the crash pending the investigation. Viktor Yung, another deputy director general of Metrojet, said the crew did not send a distress call and did not contact traffic controllers before the crash.

Egyptian officials have offered conflicting accounts on whether or not the plane issued any distress calls.

Experts say planes break up in flight usually due to one of three factors: a catastrophic weather event, a midair collision or an external threat, such as a bomb or a missile.

A local affiliate of the extremist Islamic State group has claimed it brought down the aircraft, which crashed in the northern Sinai where the Egyptian military and security forces have battled militants for years. Both Egyptian and Russian officials have dismissed that claim as not

credible.

Still, the U.S., Germany and Britain all had overflight warnings in place for the Sinai. They advised airlines to avoid flying over the peninsula below 26,000 feet and

ternal impact" pointed to two possibilities: a bomb or sabotage.

"Either a bomb was placed during the stopover and programmed to explode after takeoff, or a mechan-

the wake of another deadly accident. The airline, registered as Kogalymavia, changed its trade name to Metrojet after one of its Tu-154 jetliners caught fire in 2011 while taxiing before



In this photo made available Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, and provided by Russian Emergency Situations Ministry, Egyptian Military on cars approach a plane's tail at the wreckage of a passenger jet bound for St. Petersburg in Russia that crashed in Hassana, Egypt, on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015. The Russian cargo plane on Monday brought the first bodies of Russian victims killed in a plane crash in Egypt home to St. Petersburg, a city awash in grief for its missing residents.

(Maxim Grigoriev/RMES via AP)

to avoid the Sharm el-Sheikh airport due to extremist violence and, notably, the use of anti-aircraft weapons.

British military analyst Paul Beaver said he thought the crash was most likely caused by a bomb on board, because the IS hasn't been known to possess surface-to-air missile systems capable of striking passenger planes at cruising altitude.

"That's a very serious piece of equipment, and I don't think they have that sophistication," Beaver said, adding that the Sinai desert is well-scrutinized by intelligence agencies, so a missile system would have been seen.

Robert Galan, a French aviation expert, said Metrojet's claim of an "ex-

ternal impact" pointed to two possibilities: a bomb or sabotage.

"Either a bomb was placed during the stopover and programmed to explode after takeoff, or a mechan-

ical sabotaged the plane," he said. "These are the two most probable hypotheses." Sabotage would require familiarity with the electrical or fuel systems of the A321-200, but hiding a bomb would need less knowledge, he added.

Galan said an analysis of the plane's data and voice recorders — the "black boxes" — will not confirm either a bomb or sabotage, as it records only the pilots' communications and technical readings. But he said investigators could know within 48 hours whether a bomb downed the jet because the debris would show traces of explosives.

takeoff, killing three people and injuring more than 40 others.

The Airbus A321-200 that crashed Saturday was built more than 18 years ago and changed several operators before entering Metrojet's fleet in 2012.

One area investigators will look at closely is whether the tail separated from the rest of the plane in-flight as the result of damage caused by a previous incident in which the tail struck the runway during a landing, said aviation safety consultant John Cox. Such "tail strikes" can cause extensive damage to the aircraft's skin in the region located by behind the rear lavatories and galley.

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US, South Korea express concern at North Korean threats

ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— The U.S. and South Korea expressed “grave concern” Monday over North Korea’s stated plan to conduct a missile or nuclear test, but they announced no specific new steps toward giving South Korea control of its own forces in the event of a North Korean attack. U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the two countries agreed that transfer of wartime control would happen after the South develops a stronger capability to counter the North’s artillery force, among other steps. No timeline or further details were made public and other officials said specifics would be kept secret.

Carter called North Korea an “up-close, dangerous and continuing threat.” Carter appeared at a news conference with his South Korean counterpart, Han Min-koo, who said his country would not tolerate further military provocations by the North. In a joint written statement issued after closed-door meetings, they condemned North Korea’s recently expressed intent to conduct a long-range missile launch or nuclear test. Previous missile and nuclear tests have partly explained South Korea’s desire to prolong the period of U.S. wartime control of South Korean forces. In the statement, Carter and Han said further nuclear or missile tests by the North give them “grave concern, and they called on Pyongyang to “cease all activities related to its nuclear programs immediately,” including operation of a nuclear reactor at Yongbyon, and to “abandon all nuclear weapons” it already has built.

“In the face of increasing threats, especially in the form of nuclear and missile threats from North Korea, we also agreed that the alliance needs to work in various ways to cooperate and to rise against and respond against these threats,” the South Korean defense minister, Han, said at the outset of the annual security consultations.

Carter said the alliance “has never been stronger,” and he called the American commitment to South Korea “iron-clad.” Afterward he flew to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for three days of talks with Malaysian and other Southeast Asian defense officials. Also participating in the Seoul talks were the new chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, and the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris. Dunford also was planning to visit the heavily guarded buffer zone separating North and South Korea. Harris was scheduled to fly to Beijing for his first visit to China as commander of Pacific forces. The issue of returning wartime control of South Korean forces is highly sensitive. The South Koreans want it as a matter of national pride, but some fear it will change the U.S.-South Korean military and political relationship in ways that could leave the South more vulnerable to the North. The South Koreans have had peacetime control of their forces since 1994. The U.S. assumed full control of South Korean forces during the 1950-53 Korean War and has kept a sizeable U.S. troop presence here ever since to rebuild South Korean forces, to demonstrate U.S. resolve and to deter another North Korean invasion. □



U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter, right, and South Korean Defense Minister Han Min Koo look towards North Korea at an observation post near the border village of Panmunjom, which has separated the two Koreas since the Korean War, in Paju, South Korea.

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Haitians mark annual Voodoo day of the dead

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

be the oldest grave. There, they lit candles and stoked small fires as they evoked a better look didn't buy his performance. "Thief!" they shouted, as he spat out



A woman in the role of a spirit known as a "Gede" dances during a Voodoo ritual in tribute to Baron Samedi and the Gede family of spirits during Day of the Dead celebrations at the National Cemetery in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015. Day of the Dead traditions coincide with All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Nov. 1 and 2.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

— Revelers streamed into cemeteries across Haiti on Sunday and Monday bearing beeswax candles, food offerings and bottles of rum infused with hot peppers to mark the country's annual Voodoo festival of the dead. At Port-au-Prince's sprawling national cemetery, Voodoo priests and priestesses gathered around a blackened monument that is believed to

the spirit Baron Samedi, the guardian of the dead who is typically depicted with a dark top hat and a white skull face. Some filled their mouths with fiery rum and sprayed it over the tomb's cross. As if in a trance, one young man wrapped in a paisley print sheet chewed up bits of a broken glass bottle, but onlookers who scrambled on burial vaults to get

blood. Minutes later, the crowd perched atop the tombs gave respect to a priestess with a purple scarf wrapped around her head as she danced in a spastic manner and made a keening lament. Other Haitians gathered among the tombs to quietly remember dead relatives and ask spirits to grant favors or provide guidance. One man paid a sooth-

sayer for advice on how to increase his chances at winning bets at Haitian outlets that play on New York State Lottery numbers. Vendors who set up shop in the cemeteries did a brisk business selling pictures of Catholic saints alongside candles, rum, and rosary beads. Voodoo, or Vodou as preferred by Haitians, evolved in the 17th century when colonists brought slaves to Haiti from West Africa. Slaves forced to practice Catholicism adopted saints to coincide with personalities in the African religions. Voodoo was sanctioned as an official religion in 2003 and it is practiced widely across the country of 10 million inhabitants. This year's two-day celebration comes shortly before Haitian officials are expected to announce the top two finishers in a presidential first-round vote. Electoral authorities say they plan to release the preliminary results of the presidential vote on Tuesday, after the Voodoo festival concludes. Voodoo priest Pierre Saint Ange cracked a rope whip on a crumbling tomb and told onlookers not to "fight with guns or burn tires" in coming days. "We are asking for peace," he cried, standing near three women with their faces smeared in white paint. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Cuba and US firm sign agreement on telecom roaming

LA HABANA (AP) — Cuba's state telecommunications company and U.S. firm Sprint have signed an agreement for cellphone roaming service, the first direct deal of its kind between phone companies in both countries. The agreement was announced Monday at the International Fair of Havana, which this year features about 900 companies, a third of them Cuban. About 70 countries are represented, including the United States, with some 20 firms. The agreement will allow Sprint subscribers visiting Cuba to send and receive calls and text messages directly through the state company Etecsa, which has the monopoly for telecommunications service on the island. Verizon in September began offering the first cellphone roaming service in Cuba through the firm's Pay-As-You-Go International travel option. But the service is through third companies, not directly through Etecsa.

Puerto Rico official dies in crash; health condition probed

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Puerto Rico legislator who was injured in a car crash died on Monday morning, and authorities said they were investigating whether he had a medical condition that contributed to his death. Police said Rep. Carlos Vargas Ferrer hit a newspaper vendor after he lost control of his car early Monday, then crashed into a light pole in the San Juan suburb of Rio Piedras. Dr. Israel Ayala, a spokesman for the hospital where Vargas was declared dead, told reporters they were performing other tests to determine how he died because his injuries from the crash alone were not severe enough to kill him. □

Argentina:

Candidate blames rival's prospects for NYC ruling

Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES (AP) — The ruling party candidate in Argentina's upcoming presidential election this weekend blamed his top rival's electoral possibilities for the decision by a New York federal judge who ruled that the country owes an additional \$6.1 billion to foreign bondholders. Official candidate Daniel Scioli told a local radio station that U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa's recent decision was tied to the possibility that opposition candidate Mauricio Macri could win in the Nov. 22 runoff. Macri shook up the political

landscape by garnering 34 percent of the vote in the country's presidential election. Scioli, the chosen successor of President Cristina Fernandez, got 37 percent of the vote, much less than polls had anticipated. The close finish forced a runoff between the two men. "These are the first consequences" of the possibility a Macri administration, said Scioli. Calls and emails sent to Macri campaign officials seeking comment were not immediately returned. Scioli's comments are likely to raise eyebrows, if not some hackles, as the long-standing debt fight has

been going on for several years. The spat has its origins in the 2001-2002 financial crisis, when the South American nation defaulted on \$100 billion in debt. In 2005 and 2010, the majority of Argentina's creditors accepted lower-paying bond swaps. A group of creditors led by billionaire Paul Singer refused and took Argentina to court. Griesa has repeatedly ruled in favor of that group, saying Argentina can't pay its creditors without first paying the estimated \$1.5 billion that it owes the creditors. Argentina has rejected that, and while continuing to fight in

court, essentially ignores Griesa's rulings. Griesa's ruling on Friday was related to another group of creditors that subsequently took Argentina to court. Using the same logic, Griesa ruled that Argentina cannot pay some bondholders while refusing to pay \$6.1 billion in claims by creditors who refused to swap their bonds for steeply discounted replacements. Both Scioli and Macri have promised to solve the dispute, which has scared off many would-be investors and kept Argentina on the margins of international credit markets. □



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In Relation to the Caribbean Region: Experts Emphasize Integration's Potential as a Driver of Development



-During a seminar at ECLAC, the lessons and challenges of the integration process carried out in Central America were addressed.

ORANJESTAD/SANTIAGO - Integration is a basic component of productive transformation and of strategies for growth with equality, as well as a necessary instrument to promote countries' development, authorities and experts from various nations agreed while gathered at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile, during a high-level seminar. At the gathering entitled

"The Potential of the Central American Integration System (SICA) in Latin America and the Caribbean," participants analyzed the lessons and challenges that the Central American integration experience has provided to the rest of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The seminar was inaugurated by Hugo Beteta, Director of ECLAC's Subregional Headquarters in Mexico, who welcomed those in attendance on behalf of the institution's Executive Secretary, Alicia Bárcena. Also present at the opening session were Vinicio Cerezo, former President of Guatemala and President of the Esquipulas Foundation; Víctor Manuel Valle, El Salvador's Ambassador to Chile in its role as holder of the SICA pro tempore presidency; and Alberto Cortés, Director for Costa Rica of the Central American Bank

for Economic Integration (CABEI).

In his speech, Hugo Beteta presented an overview of the current economic and social situation in Central America, which is marked by vulnerability to external shocks. He reminded that even though 4% growth is expected for this year, the social challenges continue to be imposing, considering that one in every two Central Americans is poor and one in every four is indigent. "Integration must have a substantial role if we want the region to have its own voice on the world stage. In that sense, the road traversed by Central America offers very important lessons," Beteta said.

Ambassador Valle made a presentation in which he reviewed the main milestones of the Central American integration process, which culminated in the creation of the SICA

in 1991. With 56 million inhabitants in its eight member countries, the SICA has become a strategic contact point with other blocs, such as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), among others, he highlighted.

Alberto Cortés stressed the importance of the environmental variable in all Central American projects and enumerated the challenges that must be addressed, such as the weakening of the public sector and of the State's regulatory capacity as well as problems related to transparency, corruption and safety that recently surfaced and have undermined the credibility of institutions.

"This is a critical time to rethink what can be done with integration so that it truly fuels economic growth in the region," the CABEI representative stated.

In his speech, former Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo explained how the Central American peace process allowed for a regional political decision—"to put an end to the domestic armed conflict"—transformed into a relevant institution for all of Central America's inhabitants: the SICA. In this sense, the Esquipulas Agreements provide important lessons for the whole region, he said. "The story of the end of domestic armed conflicts in Central America is a good example of how integration can work. We have legal and representative institutions, and a development bank. All of this could constitute a new development model for the region (...) The potential that we Latin Americans have in terms of taking action together is truly impressive," Cerezo said. More information at www.cepal.org.

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NASCAR needs consistency to quell 'Wild West'

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-- When Matt Kenseth steered Joey Logano into the wall, the crowd roared its approval as a veteran driver delivered old-school payback. The thunderous ovation continued at every replay. This is NASCAR's version of the "wild West," as one driver put it, and it is riddled with inconsistencies. Three races ago, Joey Logano wrecked Matt Kenseth, ending his title hopes, and NASCAR chalked it up as "quintessential" racing. Then defending champion Kevin Harvick sparked a wreck at Talladega that kept his repeat bid alive. NASCAR shrugged it off, saying it couldn't find any evidence Harvick meant to do it. On Sunday, Kenseth delivered a serious blow to Logano's run toward a championship by pile-driving him into the wall at Martinsville. NASCAR officials? They will probably punish Kenseth harshly- and that puts them on a very slippery slope. It was NASCAR that ushered in this "Boys, have at it" era, and it was NASCAR that didn't park Jeff Gordon in 2012 when he deliberately wrecked championship contender Clint Bowyer. With Logano now last in the eight-driver Chase field with two races remaining to qualify for the finale, why should it be any different for Kenseth? "What Matt Kenseth did was so far beyond the 'Boys, have at it' excuse that it doesn't belong in the same conversation," Fox analyst Larry McReynolds said Monday. "If NASCAR doesn't drop the hammer hard on him, shame on them."

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ROYALS REIGN



Kansas City wins World Series title in 30 years

Member of the Kansas City Royals celebrates after Game 5 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the New York Mets Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, in New York. The Royals won 7-2 to win the series.

Associated Press
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Canadiens continue strong start, beat Jets 5-1

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Chris Stewart had a goal and two assists, Frederick Andersen stopped 40 shots, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Nashville Predators 4-2 Sunday night.

Rickard Rakell, Sami Vatanen and Andrew Cogliano also scored to help the Ducks snap a five-game skid (0-4-1) and get their second win in 11 games (2-8-2).

Shea Weber and Calle Jarnkrok had Nashville's goals and Carter Hutton stopped 24 shots.

The Predators, coming off a 4-3 overtime defeat at Los Angeles the previous night, lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

After scoring just 10 goals in 10 games, the Ducks broke out of their funk with their second four-goal effort of the season.

CANADIENS 5, JETS 1

MONTREAL (AP) — Tomas Fleischmann had two goals and an assist to lead Montreal past Winnipeg.

Paul Byron, David Desharnais and Lars Eller also scored for the Canadiens, who have a league-best 22 points (11-2-0) and remained perfect at home (5-

0-0). Mike Condon stopped 18 shots to improve to 4-0.

Chris Thorburn scored for Winnipeg, spoiling Condon's shutout bid with 6:03 remaining.

Michael Hutchison gave up four goals on nine shots for the Jets, and was pulled after giving up Desharnais' goal early in the second period. Ondrej Pavelec replaced him and stopped 16 of the 17 shots he faced.

SABRES 2, ISLANDERS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Reinhart broke a tie with 6:16 remaining to rally Buffalo past the new York Islanders. Matt Moulson also scored in the third period and Linus Ullmark stopped 29 shots to help the Sabres win their second straight and third in their last five.

Calvin de Haan scored his first goal of the season for the Islanders, who have lost three straight. The loss was New York's second at Barclays Center in regulation. Thomas Greiss made 20 saves.

Neither team scored until past the midpoint of the second period. Both the Sabres and Islanders clogged the middle of the ice, limiting offensive chances mostly to low-percentage

shots from the perimeter.

LIGHTNING 4, HURRICANES 3

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Ryan Callahan and Steven Stamkos scored in the second period to help Tampa Bay snap a four-game losing streak.

J.T. Brown and Tyler Johnson scored in the third as the Lightning beat the Hurricanes for the 10th time in the last 12 meetings. Andrei Vasilevsky finished with 31 saves.

Eric Staal, Kris Versteeg and Jordan Staal scored for Carolina, which snapped a three-game winning streak. Cam Ward stopped 27 shots.

Callahan tied it 38 seconds into the second and Stamkos gave the Lightning the lead with 1:06 left in the period. Brown and Johnson made it 4-1 before the midpoint of the third.

Versteeg's snap shot pulled Carolina within two with about 4 1/2 minutes to go and Jordan Staal closed the scoring with 1 second left in the game.

SHARKS 4, AVALANCHE 3

DENVER (AP) — Brent Burns broke a tie with 1:39 left to help San Jose beat Colorado.



Anaheim Ducks' Hampus Lindholm, right, checks Nashville Predators' Craig Smith during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, in Anaheim, Calif. The Ducks won 4-2.

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Burns made it 3-2 when he came down the right boards and sent a snap shot through traffic and past goalie Semyon Varlamov. The goal was upheld under review.

Burns also had a short-handed goal in the second period, Joe Pavelski and Joel Ward added goals, and Martin Jones stopped 23 shots. The Sharks won for the second time in seven

games to improve to 6-5-0. Pavelski had an empty-net goal 19 seconds after Burns' second goal, and Colorado made it a one-goal game on Dennis Everberg's shot with 1:05 left. The Avalanche pulled Varlamov for the final 1:05 seconds, but couldn't get the equalizer.

Jarome Iginla and Francios Beauchemin also scored for Colorado. □

Duffy Waldorf wins Champions Tour's Toshiba Classic

JOHN REGER

Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.

(AP) — Duffy Waldorf won the Toshiba Classic on Sunday for his first Champions Tour title, birdieing the final hole for a 5-under 66 and a two-stroke victory.

A day after matching the Newport Beach Country Club record with an 11-under 60, the 53-year-old former UCLA player had 10 birdies, five bogeys and only three pars in the final round. "If you wanted to sum up my day, birdie-bogey-birdie, although I didn't do it in that order, but I had two birdies to one bogey, I think, the whole day," Waldorf said. "Way more nervous today be-

cause yesterday I was really right in the zone. ... Today I was jumpy."

Waldorf finished with a tournament-record 20-under 193 total. He earned \$270,000 to jump from 30th to 19th on the money list with \$822,896 and easily qualify for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The top 30 advanced to play next week at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The four-time PGA Tour winner was making his 73rd start on the 50-and-over tour. The victory was his first in 292 events since the PGA Tour's 2000 event at Walt Disney World Resort.

"I felt like when I came out here I was playing well,"

Waldorf said about the Champions Tour. "I struggled a bit, but it's been trending upward the last couple of months. I've had two good rounds a lot. This week I had three."

Waldorf had 26 birdies to tie the tour record for a 54-hole event set by Loren Roberts in 2006 on Hawaii and matched by Fred Couples in the 2011 in San Antonio. Waldorf broke the tournament record of 19 under set by Jay Haas in 2007 and matched by David Frost in 2011. Joe Durant finished second, eagling the 18th for a 62. He teamed with Billy Andrade to win the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf this year, but is winless as an individual on the

senior tour.

"It's very competitive out here," Durant said. "All the guys have won so there's not a lot of backing up out here. It's pedal to the metal." Kevin Sutherland was third at 17 under after a 65. Paul Goydos (66) followed at 15 under, and 2010 and 2014 winner Couples (69) was another stroke back along with Kenny Perry (68). Waldorf birdied the first two holes, bogeyed Nos. 4-6 and birdied Nos. 7-10.

"I started great and then gave myself problems," Waldorf said. "I was getting pars before, but today I got bogeys. I hit a good drive on seven and made the putt and did the same thing on No. 8."

He birdied 13, bogeyed 14, birdied 15 and 16, saved bogey with a tricky downhill 8-footer on the par-3 17th and closed with an 8-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th.

"I lost some momentum on 14," Waldorf said. "But fortunately I got it back." Stephen Ames was the only player to move into the top 30 on the money list. He tied for ninth at 12 under after a 67 to earn \$41,700 and jump from 31st to 30th with \$561,427. Miguel Angel Jimenez, the Spanish star who still plays the European Tour, dropped from 29th to 31st — \$6,861 behind Ames. Jimenez played on six events this year on the Champions Tour. □

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Royals reveling in first World Series title since 1985

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) --

The jersey that Eric Hosmer wore in the decisive game of the World Series is headed to the Hall of Fame. So is the glove Salvador Perez used, the spikes Lorenzo Cain laced up and the bat that third baseman Mike Moustakas took to the plate.

Maybe they ought to ask for the goal posts from the University of Kansas.

Those were torn down inside Memorial Stadium in the wee hours Monday morning, shortly after the Royals beat the New York Mets to win their first championship in three decades. Thousands of fans shot off fireworks, stormed sporting goods to buy the latest apparel, and spent the night partying as if it was New Year's Eve in downtown Kansas City.

"Our fan base and our team share a real special bond," Hosmer said. "That's grown throughout the whole entire world, I think, as the fans have watched us compete throughout this postseason."

Indeed, the Royals made plenty of new fans with their scrappy, fight-to-the-last-out style.

President Barack Obama called manager Ned Yost on Monday and said the team was fun to watch and made Royals fans proud, according to White House spokesman Josh Earnest, a Kansas City native.

They won 95 games during the regular season and earned home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. But they never seemed to be the favorites - not against the plucky Astros, the powerful Blue Jays or against the hard-throwing Mets' starting rotation.



"I think the resiliency of this team and the way we can come back and the way we just count ourselves in every single game, I think it makes for a fun team to watch," Hosmer explained. "It's definitely a fun team to play for."

That resiliency was evident throughout their October ride.

In the Division Series, they trailed the Astros by four runs in a game that could have ended their season, then rallied to win the series. They kept fighting back when the Blue Jays kept pounding home runs, eventually winning their second straight AL championship. It was in the World Series that they really shined, though.

The Royals trailed in all five games against the Mets, winning three times when they were down in the eighth inning or later - something no team had ever accomplished. In the decider, the Royals became the first team since

the 1939 Yankees to trail by two runs in the ninth inning or later of a potential clinching game and somehow rally to victory.

All told, Kansas City trailed by at least two runs in seven of its 11 playoff wins.

"The way guys played all season," Cain said, "the way guys stepped up even though we were down the entire game, it was a huge team effort."

Now, that team that formed such a bond with its city the past two seasons will get to revel in a championship together. Their victory parade is Tuesday in downtown Kansas City, a route that will take the entire entourage about 2 miles to historic Union Station.

The victory rally at the base of the National World War I Memorial will begin when the parade arrives, and thousands of fans lining the parade route are expected to converge there.

"It's a dream come true, not just for the players, but the staff, for the front office,

for most importantly, the fans of Kansas City," outfielder Jarrod Dyson said. "It's been a long time since Kansas City raised a trophy like that and I'm just happy to be a part of it."

Long time, indeed.

The Royals were once one of baseball's model franchises, but the 1990s and 2000s were marked by historic ineptitude: Nine straight losing seasons (twice), three straight 100-loss years, token All-Stars chosen for the Midsummer Classic simply because every club needed to be represented.

Everything started to change when general manager Dayton Moore arrived, though. It picked up steam when Ned Yost took over as manager, and a core bunch of players - Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas and others - finally made it to the big leagues. The final pieces were added at this year's trade deadline, with the arrival of pitcher Johnny Cueto and the versatile

Ben Zobrist.

All those years of losing were suddenly a distant memory. So was last season's World Series heartbreak against San Francisco. The Royals and their fans believed that they could not only win the final game of their season, they almost seemed to expect it.

So when the final out was made at Citi Field, and the Royals streamed out of their dugout to celebrate a championship, it was hardly a surprise that their fans joined in the party. Even the ones that decided to tear down some goal posts.

"We just believe. We believe in each other, you believe in the guy next to you," Hosmer said, "and you realize you don't have to do it all by yourself, you just do your part and we got a chance of winning ballgames. It's something we've all believed in, it's something we all bought into since day one and that's why we're world champions." □

NBA Capsules

Mavericks win 103-93 to keep Lakers winless

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and the Dallas Mavericks held off a late rally by the winless Los Angeles Lakers for a 103-93 victory on Sunday night.

This is the first time in franchise history the Lakers have started 0-3 in consecutive seasons. They lost their first five games last season and ended up with their worst record ever (21-61).

The Mavericks opened the game with a 15-0 blitz that included two 3-pointers each by Wesley Matthews and Nowitzki — the latter has made more 3-point shots than any 7-footer in league history (1,580). The Lakers missed their first five shots before Julius Randle's dunk with 7:13 left in the first quarter.

Randle posted his second consecutive double-double with 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Kobe Bryant had 15 points on 3-of-15 shooting.

THUNDER 117, NUGGETS 93



Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant, top, trips over Dallas Mavericks forward Chandler Parsons after shooting during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, in Los Angeles.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 25 points to help Oklahoma City beat Denver.

Durant made 8 of 11 field goals and all six of his free throws to help new coach Billy Donovan remain unbeaten in the NBA.

Serge Ibaka had 18 points, seven rebounds and five blocks and Russell Westbrook had 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Thunder, who have won their first three games for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

The Thunder shot 52 percent from the field, and all five Oklahoma City starters rested for the entire fourth quarter.

Danilo Gallinari and Will Barton each scored 15 points and Jameer Nelson added 13 points and seven assists for the Nuggets, who shot just 38 percent.

HEAT 109, ROCKETS 89

MIAMI (AP) — Hassan Whiteside had 25 points and 15 rebounds, Chris Bosh scored all 10 of his points

in the fourth quarter and Miami erased a 21-point second-half deficit to beat Houston.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and Luol Deng added 14 for Miami, which outscored Houston 65-24 in the final 23 minutes. It was Miami's largest comeback win since a 27-point rally against Cleveland in March 2013.

Marcus Thornton scored 21 points for Houston, and James Harden had 16. The Rockets have dropped their first three games of the season — all by exactly 20 points each.

Dwight Howard sat out to rest on the first night of a back-to-back. He's expected to play when the Rockets host Oklahoma City on Monday night.

BULLS 92, MAGIC 87

CHICAGO (AP) — Pau Gasol and Nikola Mirotic each scored 16 points and Chicago withstood a late surge from Orlando.

Chicago led by 14 at half-time and 12 after three quarters, and the Bulls appeared to be headed for an easy win. But Orlando cut the lead to two with just under 3 minutes left before Chicago's Jimmy Butler jumped to intercept a pass and squelch the comeback bid.

Then, under the Bulls' basket after a Magic rebound, Butler came up with another takeaway to again foil Orlando.

It was the third win in four games for Chicago. The Magic dropped to 0-3.

Derrick Rose is still playing with a face mask as he recovers from a broken orbital bone suffered before the start of the season. He was held scoreless in the second and third quarters and finished with just six points.

HAWKS 94, HORNETS 92

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kent Bazemore scored 20 points, Al Horford added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Atlanta held on to beat Charlotte for the second time in three days.

Playoffs? Why not, say the rapidly improving Raiders

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AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, California (AP)

— Charles Woodson was sick of hearing the talk about how the Oakland Raiders were finally competitive again after years of being overmatched.

Woodson has his eyes set on a much higher target: the NFL playoffs.

What might have seemed farfetched when Oakland lost a lopsided season-opening game to Cincinnati in September is now a distinct possibility after the Raiders put together their second straight complete performance, beating the New York Jets 34-20 on Sunday.

"I don't like being the underdog," Woodson said. "I want to be expected to win games."

"Yeah, it's a little prema-

ture to be thinking that far ahead, playoff-wise," he added, "but there's no reason you can't think of yourself as a playoff team." Woodson is a big reason why. The 39-year-old is showing no signs of slowing down. His league-leading fifth interception helped the Raiders (4-3) beat the Jets (4-3) to become one of five AFC teams with winning records.

Oakland plays another playoff contender this week when the Raiders travel to Pittsburgh (4-4). A win would keep Oakland atop the AFC wild-card playoff race with wins over two of their closest competitors in the Steelers and Jets. What a difference a year makes.

At this point last year, the Raiders were 0-8 and on their way to 10 straight

losses to open the season and 16 in a row overall. But with a new mindset instilled by Jack Del Rio's coaching staff, a potent offense led by emerging star quarterback Derek Carr and an improved defense anchored by Woodson and Khalil Mack, the Raiders are in their best position since going to the Super Bowl in 2002.

Now, instead of the questions about whether the Raiders would even win a game, the focus is on whether Oakland needs to guard against overconfidence.

"I don't really understand this question of guarding against. We're a 4-3 team," Del Rio said. "We've battled each and every week. We're going to continue to battle each and every week. These kinds of ques-



Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr reacts after throwing a touchdown pass to wide receiver Andre Holmes during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Jets in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

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tions are kind of silly to me." While Oakland reached a 5-4 mark in 2010 before finishing 8-8 and made it to 7-4 the following year before a late-season collapse left them at .500 again and out of the playoffs, the success this season appears to be more lasting.

NY Red Bulls take valuable away win at Washington



D.C. United goalkeeper Bill Hamid (28) makes a save with his head after a shot by New York Red Bulls forward Mike Grella (13) during the first half of an MLS playoff soccer match, at RFK Stadium, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, in Washington. New York won 1-0

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WASHINGTON (AP) — New York's Dax McCarty scored in the 72nd minute to give the Red Bulls a 1-0 win at D.C. United on Sunday in the first leg of their Major League Soccer Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The away win put the Red Bulls in the best position of all teams to advance of the last four of the playoffs. Seattle and Montreal both recorded 2-1 wins at home, against Dallas and Columbus respectively, while Portland was held to a scoreless draw at home by regional rival Vancouver.

New York's goal came after a foul by United's Taylor Kemp, Sacha Kljestan's long free kick found McCarty — who had slipped behind the defense— 3 yards out and the header eluded goalkeeper Bill Hamid.

New York's defense was stifling, preventing the Washington club having any

shots on target.

Seattle's Clint Dempsey scored from a direct free kick in the 86th minute to give the Sounders a come-from-behind 2-1 win against Dallas in the first leg of their tie.

Dempsey drove a shot from 25 yards into the upper right corner of the net. He also scored Wednesday in a 3-2 knockout-round victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Andreas Ivanschitz tied it for fourth-seeded Sounders with an unassisted goal in the 67th minute.

Fabian Castillo opened the scoring for top-seeded Dallas in the 18th minute and Andreas Ivanschitz equalized for the hosts in the 67th. Montreal substitute Johan Venegas scored the winner in the 77th minute as the Impact got the home win it needed against Columbus. Venegas scored only four minutes after coming on.

The Costa Rican won a battle for the ball with Michael Parkhurst and went in on a 2-on-1 with Montreal star Didier Drogba. Venegas elected to shoot and picked the far corner for the winner.

Bernier also scored for Montreal, coming off a 3-0 home victory over Toronto FC in a knockout game Thursday night.

Federico Higuain opened the scoring for the Crew in the 33rd minute and Patrice Bernier equalized for the Impact in the 37th with a header off Marco Donadel's corner.

Vancouver goalkeeper David Ousted made some key saves as the Whitecaps held host Portland scoreless.

Ousted, who led MLS with 13 clean sheets during the regular season, deflected Diego Valeri's dangerous free kick in the 71st minute to help keep the game scoreless.

The Timbers were without starting goal keeper Adam Kwarasey due to illness. Jake Gleeson, making his first MLS appearance since 2011, also kept a clean sheet. □

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Djokovic wants to cap 'best season' in style in Paris

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PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic wants to finish "the best season I've ever had" in the perfect way by successfully defending his titles at the Paris Masters and season-ending ATP finals.

The 28-year-old Serb's list of highlights for 2015 already includes winning nine tournaments, beating a resurgent Roger Federer in the U.S. Open final for his 10th Grand Slam title, and dismantling Rafael Nadal in the French Open quarter-finals.

Just like in 2011, he has won every major of the year except for the French Open, posting a 73-5 record.

If he wins in Paris next week and then in London for the fourth straight year, Djokovic will have 59 career titles, eight fewer than Nadal. But Federer, who beat Nadal in the final of the Swiss Indoors on Sunday, is some way ahead of them with 88.

Djokovic has a bye into



Tennis player Novak Djokovic arrives for the 2015 MTV European Music Awards in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.

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the second round in Paris, where he faces either Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany or Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci for his 79th match of an exhausting season.

He has no intention of eas-

ing up, if only out of respect for the fans.

"If I don't do as well the last two tournaments of course it wouldn't ruin my season, because I still think it's the best season I've ever had," Djokovic said Sunday. "As

the No. 1 in the world and defending champion there is an extra responsibility to do well. People watch you play, pay for their tickets. ... I love this sport and I have lots of passion to play it." Djokovic's insatiable drive to keep going even when the body is crying out for rest keeps him focused.

"It has a lot to do with your mindset. In terms of the mental part it's just being able to find new ways of motivating yourself," he said. "What allows me to play well consistently in these parts of the season is that, when the Grand Slams are over, I still value the Masters events. It doesn't make too much difference to me stepping on the court for a Grand Slam final or the Paris Bercy final."

Surpassing his astonishing form from 2011, where he beat Nadal in six finals and won a career-high 10 titles, takes some doing.

"Winning something like 40-plus matches in a row is something I don't know I'll

be able to repeat ... but this year out of 14 tournaments I've played in 13 finals. It's an unbelievable season," he said. "I feel more balanced in my professional and private life being a father and a husband. It all makes more sense and I feel more fulfilled, more mentally and emotionally stable." Second-seeded Andy Murray is one of the few to have beaten him this year, and the Briton's second-round opponent will be 18-year-old Borna Coric of Croatia — a rising star — or Spaniard Fernando Verdasco.

Federer, the 2011 winner, and Nadal — who has never won the tournament — are also competing.

With six titles this year, Federer poses perhaps the biggest threat.

The 34-year-old Swiss star withstood Nadal's comeback to win 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 on Sunday and end a five-match losing streak against the Spaniard, whose three titles so far is his equal-lowest since 2004. □

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Sure, Kenseth's act had massive playoff implications for Logano. He had been carrying the grudge for two weeks and everyone expected him to act. It's how the game is played, Kenseth lives by a driver code and he said he'd have lost respect in the garage had he not retaliated.

"Growing up, Terry Labonte, Ricky Rudd, those are guys you just did not mess with because you knew they would retaliate. Matt Kenseth is in that same category," said former teammate Jamie McMurray. "Matt races everyone fair and he races hard. If he thinks that there could have been better decisions made (by Logano), then so be it."

Then so be it, too, for Danica Patrick. She chased David Gilliland up the track Sunday to wreck him as payback for an earlier incident. Again, the crowd cheered.

Yet no one is calling for Patrick to be suspended, and few seem even the least bit bothered by her act.

So beside the obvious championship implications, what is the difference?

Kyle Busch has been wondering just that. He was parked for a Sprint Cup race in 2011 for deliberately wrecking Ron Hornaday Jr. in a Truck Series race. Carl Edwards avoided suspension in 2010 for returning a wrecked car to the track to crash Brad Keselowski.

When NASCAR turned its back on the Harvick incident at Talladega, Busch griped that it was because officials would never punish the reigning series champion. After his teammate wrecked Logano, Busch said he had no idea what punishment might come because it changes on a case-by-case basis.

"I think it all depends on whose name is above the door on whether or not you're allowed to do it,"



In this Nov. 1, 2015, file photo, Joey Logano (22) and Matt Kenseth (20) tangle in Turn 1 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. It's the wild west in NASCAR right now, and it's not clear if that's good or bad for this championship battle. Drivers are doing whatever they have to do to make it to the finale, to mixed reactions.

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Busch said. "It's boys being boys right now. You've got to be consistent. I definitely feel NASCAR is very consistent in being inconsistent on calls. I think it's BS."

It can't be one way for some drivers and another way for the rest.

Harvick knew his engine was failing but failed to get out of the way at Talladega because it would have

likely eliminated him from the playoffs. Denny Hamlin and Kenseth minced no words in their accusations of Harvick, and both suffered for Harvick's act. Harvick responded by saying he simply did what he had to do.

After Sunday's race, with Logano steaming, Hamlin wondered if the stakes are so high in the current

knockout Chase for the Sprint Cup championship format that the line between right and wrong has been blurred — and NASCAR has no idea how to clear it up.

"The structure in which we have around us is not very strong as far as an authority figure saying, 'No, you cannot do that anymore,' " Hamlin said. "It's just tough for us because this is what's been created. I love Brian France, but when he says that drivers are doing what they have to do, it seems like he's promoting this type of racing, so that's tough to crown a true champion when things go like this."

"It's a no-holds-barred wild, wild West. Sure, when people crown the statement that a driver's doing what he's got to do and they became OK with that statement, you're just opening up Pandora's box. Everyone is just doing what they have to do I guess. It's a bad statement. It's an ugly statement." □



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(AP) — Humankind marked an off-the-planet pinnacle Monday: the 15th anniversary of continuous residency at the International Space Station.

NASA and its global partners celebrated the milestone, as did the six astronauts on board. The U.S., Russian and Japanese spacemen planned a special dinner 250 miles up.

Commander Scott Kelly, seven months into a year-long mission, said the biggest benefit of the orbiting lab is furthering long-term exploration goals deeper into space.

"The space station really is a bridge. It's a test bed for the technologies that we need to develop and understand in order to have a successful trip to Mars," American astronaut Kjell Lindgren noted during a news conference.

Since the first permanent crew moved in on Nov. 2, 2000, 220 people have come and gone, representing 17 countries.

The United States is in the lead because of all the space shuttle flights that were needed to deliver station pieces; Russia is in second place, and Canada and Japan tied for third. At least one American and one Russian have been on board at all times.

More than 26,500 meals have been dished up, according to NASA, and the complex has grown from three to 13 rooms since 2000. The current structure has a mass of nearly 1 million pounds and as much pressurized volume as a Boeing 747.

The most important experiment, Kelly said, is about keeping humans alive in space. His one-year mis-

sion with Russian Mikhail Kornienko, due to end in March, includes 400 experiments, many of them medical. Americans have never spent this long in space; the Russians have, but it was decades ago on the former Mir station.

NASA puts the number of experiments at this space station, over the years, at more than 1,760. At the same time, there have been 189 spacewalks to build and maintain the outpost since construction began in 1998; No. 190 will occur Friday when Kelly and Lindgren venture out for the second time in 1½ weeks.

As the space station ages, more maintenance will be required. NASA hopes to keep the complex running until 2024.

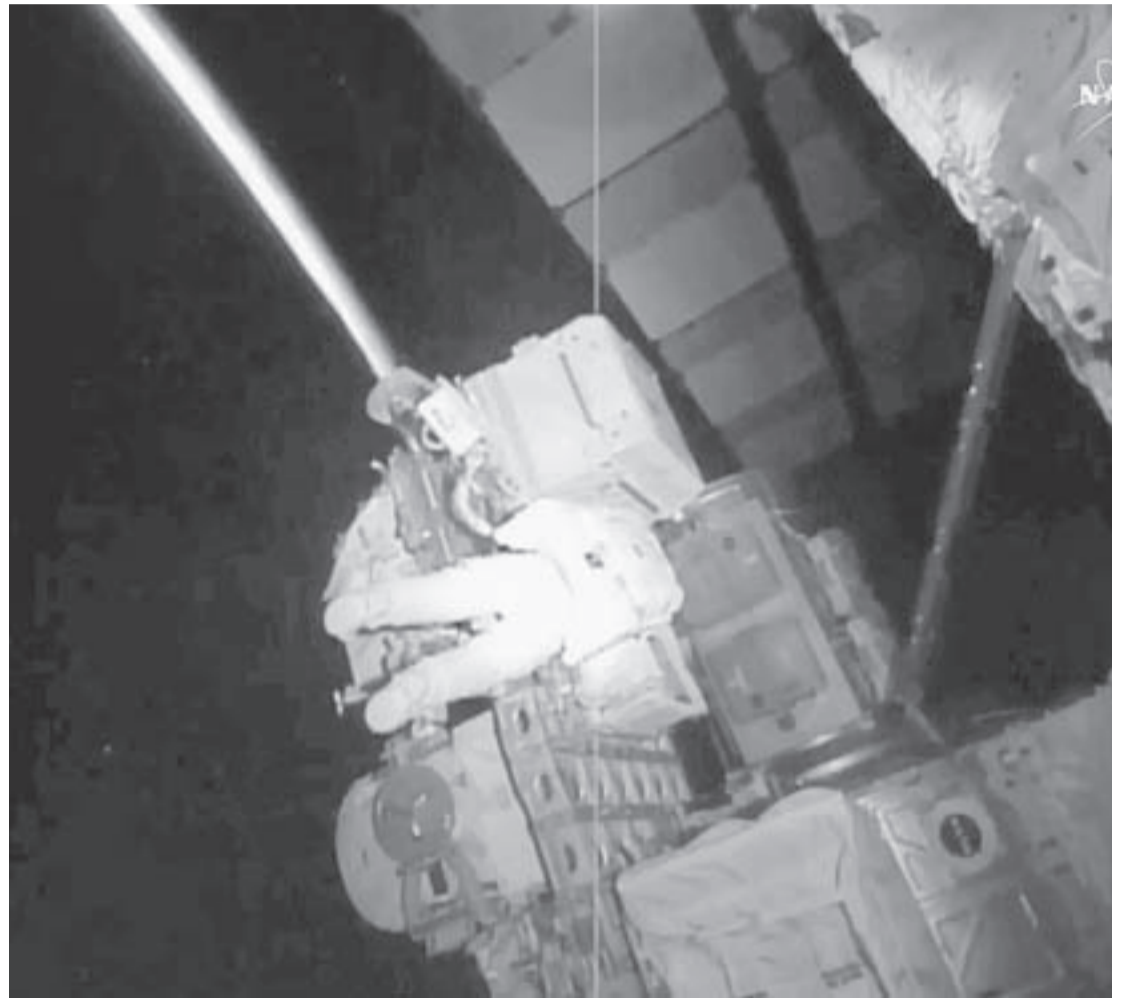
NASA Administrator Charles Bolden called Monday's milestone "a remarkable moment 5,478 days in the making."

"It has taught us about what's possible when tens of thousands of people across 15 countries collaborate to advance shared goals," Bolden said in a statement.

One sticking point, one to two decades ago, was a name for the place other than International Space Station — ISS in NASA shorthand.

The original inhabitants — American Bill Shepherd and Russians Sergei Krikalev and Yuri Gidzenko — christened their high-flying home Alpha when they arrived, but the name didn't last. Kelly remembers wishing back then that the space station had a real name, but the various countries couldn't agree on one.

"Now, it's the 'space station' to me and I think it's a great name," Kelly told reporters. "The name 'Inter-



In this frame grab from NASA Television, astronaut Kjell Lindgren performs maintenance outside the International Space Station, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015. Lindgren and fellow astronaut Scott Kelly's to-do list included greasing the station's big robot arm, routing cables, removing insulation from an electronic switching unit and covering an antimatter and dark matter detector.

Associated Press

national Space Station' really represents what it is. So in some ways, maybe it's a better name."

As for day-to-day life, Jap-

anese astronaut Kimiya Yui said the space station has yielded a unique culture given all the nationalities involved, with the crew

members respecting each other. If this were practiced back on the planet, he noted, "the Earth will be a much better place." □

U.S. to add automatic braking to 5-star car safety rating

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is adding automatic braking to its five-star safety rating system designed to help consumers identify the most important safety technologies to look for in new cars. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

said automatic braking will be added to the ratings beginning with 2018 model cars. The agency announced in September that it had reached voluntary agreements with 10 automakers to include the technology as standard in new cars, but offered no timeline. The systems use sensors to

warn of an imminent collision and, if the driver does not apply the brakes, engage the brakes automatically. Accident investigators estimate automatic braking could prevent or mitigate an estimated 80 percent of rear-end collisions that cause about 1,700 deaths and a half-million injuries annually. □

Dow Jones index turns positive for the year

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks posted solid gains Monday, adding to last month's big advances and pushing the

1.2 percent, to 2,104.05 and the Nasdaq composite rose 73.40 points, or 1.5 percent, to 5,127.15.

Health-care stocks continued to rally. Drug giant Pfizer rose \$1.24, or

Visa was among the biggest decliners. The payments processor gave up \$2.36, or 3 percent, to close at \$75.22 after saying it would buy its sister company Visa Europe in a deal

season began, analysts were looking for earnings to be down 5.2 percent.

"Companies continue to grind out modestly better earnings than we expected, and if you exclude energy, things actually don't look too bad," said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist for Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

In other company news, Hewlett-Packard officially split into two companies over the weekend. HP Inc., which will sell personal computers and printers, rose \$1.59, or 13 percent, to \$13.83. Hewlett Packard Enterprise will sell commercial computer systems, software and tech services. Its stock edged down 23 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$14.49.

Chipotle Mexican Grill stumbled as an E. coli outbreak linked to restaurants in Oregon and Washington state spread. The restaurant chain has shut down all 43 of its locations in those states. More than 20 people have gotten sick and that number is expected to increase as word of the outbreak spreads. No deaths have been reported. Chipotle lost \$16.23, or 2.5 percent, to \$624.

In other markets, U.S. crude oil fell 45 cents, or 1 percent, to close at \$46.14 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, slid 77 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$48.79 a barrel in London.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline edged up 0.4 cent to \$1.375 a gallon in New York, heating oil fell a penny to \$1.507 a gallon and natural gas fell 6.5 cents to \$2.256 per 1,000 cubic feet. □



Hewlett Packard Enterprise President and Chief Executive Officer Meg Whitman, third from right, is applauded as she rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. The occasion is to highlight Hewlett Packard Enterprise's first day of regular-way trading following its separation from Hewlett-Packard Company.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Dow Jones industrial average into positive territory for 2015. Several companies moved on news, including Chipotle Mexican Grill and Visa.

Health care stocks were among the winners as drugmakers Pfizer and AbbVie climbed, while energy stocks rose sharply in a late-day rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 165.22 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,828.76. The gain made the Dow the last of the three major U.S. market indexes to return to positive territory for 2015.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 24.69 points, or

3.7 percent, to \$35.05, the second-biggest gain in the Dow. The shares slumped late last week on word Pfizer is in talks to buy competitor Allergan.

AbbVie, which surged 10 percent Friday on strong third-quarter results, climbed \$3.83, or 6.4 percent, to \$63.38 after analysts at Morgan Stanley upgraded the stock.

Health-care stocks gained 2 percent, nearly twice as much as the broader S&P 500 index. Energy stocks rose even more, 2.4 percent. Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Chesapeake Energy and others rose 3 percent or more.

that could be worth more than \$23 billion. The company warned that 2016 earnings could be hurt as the company finances the debt and stock to pay for the deal.

A lot of focus for investors is on company earnings, which continue to roll out this week. Earnings season is nearly through, and the stock market has recovered significantly as companies have reported somewhat better results than initially expected.

With 340 companies out of the S&P 500 reporting, third-quarter earnings are down 2.2 percent compared to a year earlier. When earnings

GE completes \$10.6B acquisition Alstom division

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — General Electric Co. said Monday it has completed a \$10.6 billion acquisition of the power and transmission division of French manufacturer Alstom.

Fairfield, Connecticut-based GE said the closing on the sale comes after regulatory approvals from

more than 20 countries and regions.

The European Union approved the takeover in September after an eight-month investigation into whether it would distort the European market.

GE Power and Water division officials said they will take advantage of

complementary strengths in technology and global capability, and also will be able to make purchases more efficiently.

Steve Bolze, who heads Power and Water, told reporters at division headquarters in Schenectady that GE will be poised to take advantage of the

world's growing energy needs.

"We've added now 35,000 employees to our business," Bolze said. "It's 65,000, and we're ready to step forward."

He did not address future employment levels.

GE and Alstom agreed to the deal in 2014. □

Bristol-Myers buys heart drug maker Cardioxyl for \$2.1B

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. is acquiring a private biotech company developing a medicine for one of the most common cause of hospitalizations in senior citizens, in a deal that could be worth up to \$2.1 billion.

New York-based Bristol-Myers, which makes drugs for hepatitis C, cancer and heart attack prevention, said Monday that it could close its deal to acquire Cardioxyl Pharmaceuticals Inc. by year's end.

Cardioxyl, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, develops drugs that release a molecule called nitroxyl, which improves the function of heart muscle and blood vessels.

Its lead drug, CXL-1427, is in mid-stage patient testing as an intravenous treatment for acute heart failure. That's a condition in which the heart quickly loses its ability to pump enough blood, and with it oxygen, through the body. That causes symptoms including wheezing, shortness of breath, fluid buildup in the extremities, fatigue and confusion.

Francis Cuss, Bristol-Myers' chief scientific officer, said Cardioxyl's drug "has the potential to change the course of the disease rather than simply treating the symptoms."

About 5.7 million Americans, mostly over age 65, suffer with heart failure, according to the American Heart Association.

It can develop suddenly, as in acute heart failure, or slowly over time as the heart pumps less and less blood, which is called congestive heart failure or chronic heart failure. Usually the heart's main pumping chamber, the left ventricle, becomes enlarged due to the condition, further reducing the amount of blood it can pump.

In early patient testing, CXL-1427 was shown to improve how the heart muscle contracts and relaxes without increasing heart rate or demand for oxygen. □

ConAgra selling private label unit to TreeHouse Foods

NEW YORK (AP) — ConAgra Foods Inc. is selling most of its private label operations to TreeHouse Foods Inc. for about \$2.7 billion as part its plan to focus more on name brands including Chef Boyardee and Slim Jim.

Omaha-based ConAgra initially announced plans to sell the unit in June and the deal is expected to close

in the first quarter. It will keep some minor private label operations including its canned pasta, cooking spray, and peanut butter and pudding offerings along with several branded products that were bundled into the unit.

Oak Brook, Illinois-based TreeHouse Foods, which already focuses on store-brand food products,

said it expects the newly acquired operations to boost its annual sales to nearly \$7 billion.

It will also boost the company's employee base to more than 16,000 people and give it a total of more than 50 manufacturing facilities. The deal comes one month after ConAgra said it will cut 1,500 jobs, or about 30 percent of its

office-based workforce, and move its headquarters to Chicago from Omaha, Nebraska. The restructuring moves are part of the company's plan to make the company leaner and develop products to meet changing consumer tastes as people seem to seek out less processed and healthier foods. ConAgra had been facing pressure

from major stockholder Jana Partners, which said ConAgra's results have been disappointing since it bought store brand business Ralcorp for \$5 billion two years ago.

ConAgra, which also makes Hebrew National hot dogs, Jiffy Pop, and Bertolli products, reported a first-quarter loss of \$1.2 billion. □

HSBC may defer decision on moving HQ from London

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LONDON (AP) — HSBC, Europe's largest bank by market value, may defer into next year a decision on whether to move its headquarters out of London, with management conceding Monday they might need more time to assess whether relocating to Asia would make sense in the long term.

The bank has been steadily shifting its center of gravity toward the fast-growing Asian economies — on Monday it announced a new joint venture in China's booming Pearl River Delta region. But Chairman Douglas Flint stressed no decision has been made on whether to return HSBC's domicile to the region where it began 150 years ago.

"We're part way through and if we need to take longer we will," Flint told

reporters on a conference call. After being hit by a series of regulatory crackdowns and fines in Europe and the U.S., the bank is carrying out a sweeping reorganization to shift focus to Asia, where it expects a rapidly growing class of newly wealthy people to drive profit. The region accounted for about two thirds of the bank's profit for the first nine months of 2015, even though it's home to only a third of its staff. Pre-tax profit jumped by a third in the latest quarter as it paid out less in fines, settlements and British customer compensation ordered by regulators. The bank posted \$6.1 billion in profit for the July-September period, up 32 percent from a year earlier. Revenue slipped 4 percent to \$15.1 billion. CEO Stuart Gulliver said a stock market drop over the summer in Asia, sparked by a sell-off in China, weighed



The sign for a branch of HSBC near Liverpool Street Station in London, Monday Nov. 2, 2015 as the bank on Monday announced that their pre-tax profit has jumped by a third in the latest quarter. The bank, Europe's largest by market value, posted \$6.1 billion in profit for the July-September period, up 32 percent from a year earlier, as it paid out less in fines, settlements and British customer compensation ordered by regulators.

(AP Photo/Tim Ireland)

on revenue. "Our third-quarter performance was resilient against a tough market backdrop," Gulliver said in a statement. Operating expenses, which include fines and other regulatory expenses, fell by

\$2.1 billion, or about a fifth, from a year earlier to \$9 billion for the quarter. Though it has not yet decided whether to move its headquarters, the bank is clear on where it thinks its commercial future lies —

China and the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, HSBC has warned about the economic risks facing Britain if the country opts to leave the European Union in a referendum that is due by the end of 2017. □

Nissan reports 38 percent rise in profit, raises forecasts

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TOKYO (AP) — Nissan's profit for the July-September quarter zoomed 38 percent higher on healthy sales in China, the U.S. and Europe, prompting the automaker to raise its full-year projections.

Yokohama, Japan-based Nissan Motor Co. reported Monday a fiscal second quarter profit of 172.8 billion yen (\$1.4 billion), up from 124.9 billion yen the year before.

Quarterly sales at the auto-

maker allied with Renault SA of France rose 13 percent to 3.034 trillion yen (\$25.2 billion).

Nissan now expects a 535 billion yen (\$4.4 billion) profit for the full year through March 2016, which would be an increase of nearly 17 percent from the previous year. It credited strong sales, cost cuts and a favorable exchange rate. The maker of the Leaf electric car and Infiniti luxury models had earlier expected a 485 billion yen (\$4 billion) profit for the fiscal year.

"We are increasing our financial forecast for the full year as our product offensive, our continued financial discipline and the ongoing benefits of our alliance strategy is delivering better-than-expected results," said Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn, who also heads Renault.

Ghosn said the strong overseas markets compensated for sales losses in Japan, which has been stagnating for years. Nissan has recently shown its advances in developing the self-driving

car. It's also a world leader in electric vehicles, with cumulative global sales of 200,000 for its Leaf electric car. The self-driving technology, still in its experimental stages and not yet for commercial use, is being packed in the Leaf as well. Such cutting-edge technology doesn't contribute much to vehicle sales in its early phases but is a boon to Nissan's image.

Among the hit models Nissan has had in recent months are the Altima sedan and Rogue sport-utility

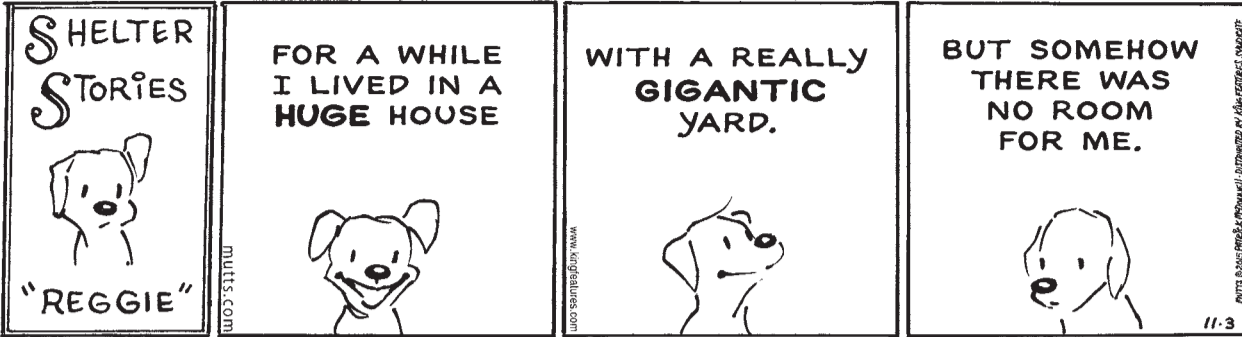
vehicle in North America, and the X-trail and Qashqai SUV models in Europe.

Nissan expects to sell 5.5 million vehicles for the fiscal year, up 3.4 percent from the previous year.

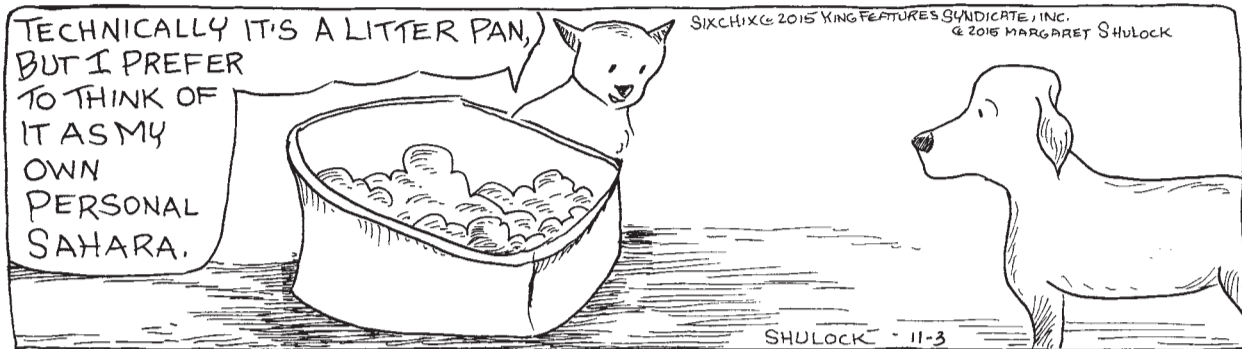
Japanese automakers are all getting a perk from the weak yen, which helps boost the value of their overseas earnings.

Honda Motor Co. is scheduled to release its earnings Wednesday. Toyota Motor Corp., the world's No. 1 automaker, reports Thursday. □

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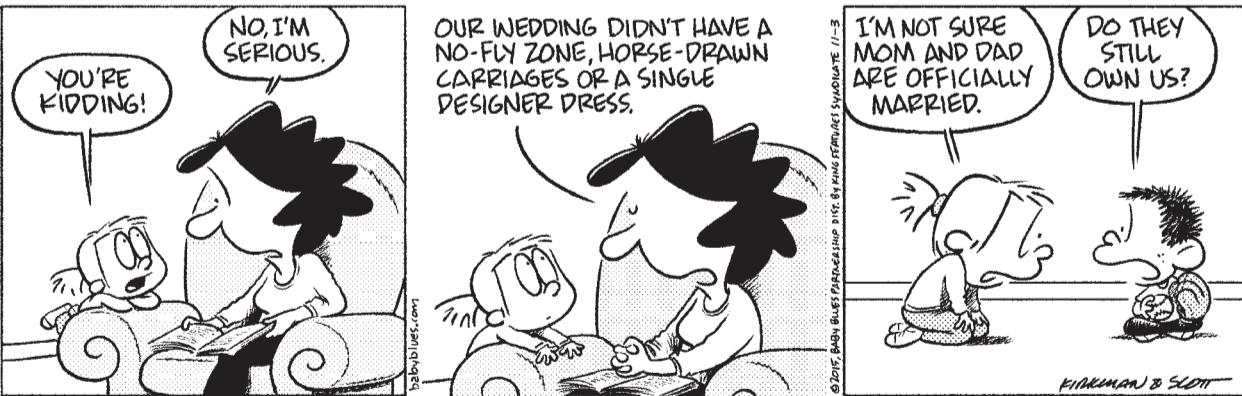
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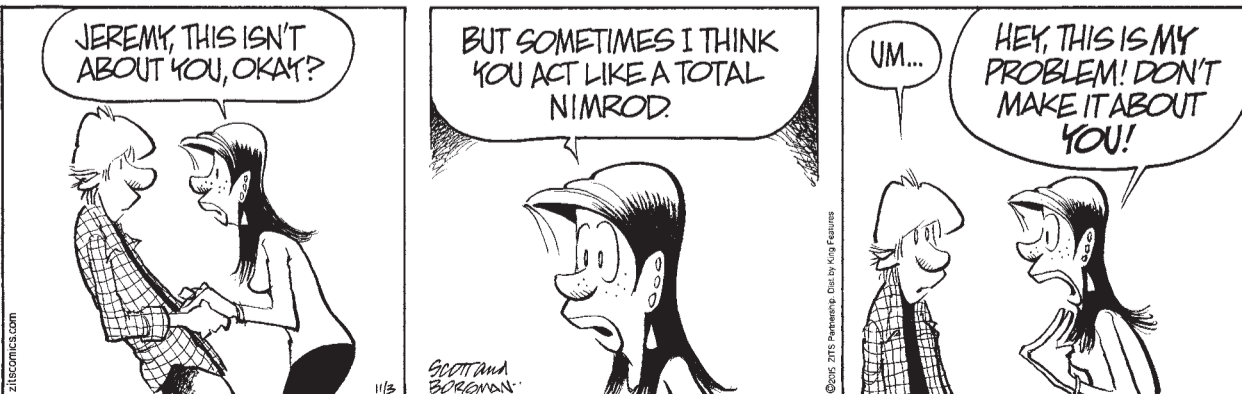
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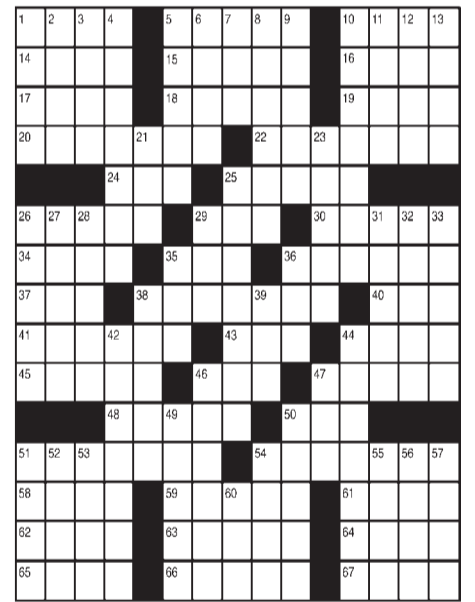
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

3	8	1	9	7	5	2	4	6
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ACROSS

- Sandwich types, familiarly
- Open space in a forest
- Swamp critter, for short
- Reddish horse
- Speedy
- "Ticket to __", Beatles song
- Qualified
- __ up; misbehaved
- Frosted
- Hoodwink
- __ twins; look-alikes
- Singer Orbison
- Nourishes
- French farewell
- "Has Anybody Seen My __?"
- Wharves
- Female red deer
- Little child
- __ sin; lesser offense
- Dine
- Brought back to life
- Transcript avg.
- Red blood cell deficiency
- "__ Along, Little Dogies"
- __ out; plans a line of travel
- Challenged
- Take to court
- Alaska's Palin
- Wild brawl
- Brit's raincoat
- Napoleon or Hirohito
- Soft drink
- Actor James __
- Room on a cruise ship
- Commanded
- Suggestion
- Take __; undo
- Street uprising
- Hold __; grasp
- Dog restraint
- Slips up



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Pitt or Garrett
- Part of the ear
- Powder, for short
- __ at; viewed with contempt
- Mashed potato topper
- Mantilla fabric
- Likely
- Actor Vin __
- Fisher or Albert
- Shade of red
- Uncle Ben's __
- Elegant poems
- Relinquish
- Debtor's note
- __ up; tallied
- Tiredness
- Think __; plan
- Singer Ross
- Bury
- Cuomo or Christie: abbr.
- Stogie
- Fraternity letter
- Wide cut
- Soothing drink

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TACT	ITALY	DESI
ASA	CHEAT	WIRED
SLALOM	CREASE	
	RAP	TEETH
CHARM	BEAN	OAR
RECEPTIONS	RUSE	
ARTS	AROSE	ASIS
BEST	GENES	MEAT

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- 11/11 honoree
- Passenger
- Compete
- Souvenir
- Ghoulish
- Mexican shawl
- Sorrowful
- Skin-numbing injection
- June or July
- Resound
- Primary
- Breathe heavily
- Couple
- Smell
- Cats, dogs, etc.
- Lamb's cry

Crash

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The incident occurred in Cairo in 2001. Metrojet said the jet underwent factory repairs and was safe to fly. Cox said monthly maintenance checks typically can't spot a return of damage from a tail strike because the cracks are inside the plane in an area that's not normally accessible during visual inspections.

Instead, tail strike repairs are examined during heavy maintenance checks that typically take place about every four to five years, he said. Parts of the plane are disassembled so that inspectors can see inside. The plane's skin is checked for cracks using a device that employs low voltage electricity or special dye.

"That's a very complex repair and it requires very special expertise," said Cox, a former airline pilot and accident investigator. Investigators will "look not only at whether the repair done properly, but were the inspections of the repair done on a regular basis during the normal heavy maintenance checks."

If damage from a tail strike returned, it would be in form of small cracks that grow larger with the normal stresses of repeated pressurization and depressurization.

In 2002, China Airlines Flight 611 disintegrated in midair while flying from Taiwan to Hong Kong, killing all 225 people aboard. Accident investigators cited metal fatigue caused by inadequate maintenance after an earlier tail strike as the probable cause of the accident.

The Irish Aviation Authority said the Metrojet plane was registered in Ireland and regulators there found its safety documentation in order earlier this year.

At the crash site in the Sinai, emergency workers and



A picture of a young couple, the plane crash victims, lies between flowers at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. In a massive outpouring of grief, thousands of people flocked to St. Petersburg's airport, laying flowers, soft toys and paper planes next to the pictures of the victims of the crash of a passenger jet in Egypt that killed all 224 on board in Russia's deadliest air crash to date.

(AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)

aviation experts from Russia and Egypt searched the barren terrain for more bodies and examined the debris.

Teams finished combing a 20-square kilometer (7.7-square mile) area for bodies by afternoon and expanded the search to a 30-square kilometer (11.6 square mile) area. Russian Emergency Situations Minister Vladimir Puchkov promised they will not rest until all victims' remains are found.

Investigators from France and Germany, representing Airbus, and from Ireland, where the plane was registered, were to join investigators in Egypt. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the U.S. offered support for the investigation, but he added that he's not aware of any resources that have been dedicated to it so far.

"Rather than speculating

on what may have led to this terribly tragic incident, we're going to allow the investigation to move forward to try to get the bottom of what happened," he said.

A Russian government plane brought 130 bodies and partial remains to St. Petersburg. The city is holding three days of mourning through Tuesday.

In his first public appearance since the crash, Putin described it as an "enormous tragedy" and said his thoughts are with the families of the victims.

Mourners have been coming to St. Petersburg's airport since Saturday with flowers, pictures of the victims, stuffed animals and paper planes. Others went to churches and lit candles in memory of the dead.

Sunday was a national day of mourning, and flags flew at half-staff across Russia. □

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Indigenous from Amazon see Brazil nut as forest's future

JENNY BARCHFIELD
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PALMAS, Brazil (AP) — The creation story of the Cinta Larga people holds that they were born out of the fruit of the Brazil nut tree. Now they are betting that the mighty tree could be the key to their very future in the Amazon rain forest. A project sponsored by international donors has helped the Cinta Larga and other indigenous people from Brazil's Mato Grosso state monetize the towering centenary trees by turning their nuts, which normally plummet to the forest floor and rot, into cash. Since it started last year, the Sentinels of the Forest program has boosted the tribes' incomes 50 percent, said Daeit Akata Kaban, leader of the Cinta Larga. That's given the group of about 1,700 people renewed incentive to protect their roughly 80,000 hectares (2 million acres) of ancestral forest from loggers, ranchers and poachers pressing in on all sides.



In this Oct. 28, 2015 photo, Cinta Larga indigenous men sell products made from Brazil nuts during a fair on the sidelines of the Indigenous World Games in Palmas, Brazil.

"It has completely changed our lives," Kaban said at the group's stand at the World Indigenous Games, a celebration of cultures from around the world wrapping up this weekend in Palmas. The project was the brainchild of Paulo Cesar Nunes, an agronomist whose family moved from Sao Paulo to the forest state of Rondonia on Brazil's western frontier to harvest Brazil nuts. Growing up, Nunes witnessed the catastrophic results of a government project to resettle landless farmers in Rondonia, which led to nearly wholesale clear-cutting in the state. Nunes believes the Bra-

zil nut can help prevent a similar fate for neighboring Mato Grosso, which is in the sights of big agricultural interests as a frontier for soy, cotton, corn and cattle. Securing \$1.25 million from the Fundo Amazonas, a fund of international donors that is administered by the Brazilian government's national development bank, he set up a Brazil nut cooperative in Juruena, a town roughly halfway between the Cinta Larga's reserve and another where the Cayabi, Apiaka and Mundurucu peoples live. Brazil nut trees dot the region, and the melon-sized shells containing the nuts

naturally tumble to the forest floor during the rainy season, meaning harvesters just have to pick up the shells. But the oily nuts' susceptibility to fungus, bacteria and insects make getting them to market before they rot tricky. Sentinels of the Forest built 18 storage facilities throughout the forest to keep the nuts fresh and dry while awaiting processing. The project has also invested in industrial drying machines that allow them not only to sell the nuts whole but also to extract the oil, which is used for cooking and also as an ingredient in shampoos, face creams

and lotions. Brazilian cosmetics firm Natura buys oil from the group. The dried meal left over from the extraction process is used to make cookies, noodles and granola bars that the federal government distributes to 40,000 local residents through its "Zero Hunger" social program. "It really gives our harvesters a sense of pride to see their children and friends and neighbors consuming the product they picked with their own hands," said Nunes. "Not only do we contribute to the food security of the region, but our harvesters are also doing a kind of policing of the forest, checking for invaders as they're out on their rounds." Some 350 people, including tribe members and local family farmers, work on the project, which in its first year generated nearly \$100,000. The initial harvest was 130 tons, but ambitions for the future are big: The warehouses have capacity to stock 1,000 tons — and with 875,000 hectares between the two indigenous reservations, there are plenty more nuts to be collected. "They've told us, 'Too bad this project didn't exist 20 years ago,'" Nunes said. "If it had, lots more forest would still be standing today." □



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On trail of reporters, film puts 'Spotlight' on journalism

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of Boston Globe reporters and editors recently gathered in New York to celebrate the premiere of Tom McCarthy's drama about their Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting of the Catholic priest sex abuse scandal. When asked why "Spotlight" — the film named after their investigative team — has earned their respect, they respond in an eager chorus.

"They got it right," echoes around the table of Walter Robinson, who headed Spotlight, former deputy managing editor Ben Bradlee Jr., and two reporters from the team: Sacha Pfeiffer (now a columnist) and Mike Renzendes, who remains a part of Spotlight.

In the film, they're played, respectively, by Michael Keaton, John Slattery, Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo. Usually, the gulf between fiction and reality, Hollywood and the newsroom (or anywhere else), is too wide to engender the kind of enthusiasm shared among the veteran journalists.

"We all feel like we've been struck by lightning and it actually feels very good," says Robinson.



Liev Schreiber, from left, Brian d'Arcy James, Mark Ruffalo, Stanley Tucci, Billy Crudup and Michael Keaton attend the premiere of "Spotlight" at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, in New York.

The power of "Spotlight," in limited release Friday, isn't just felt by its real-life reporters; it's a big-screen bolt of inspiration for a beleaguered profession. While the film's attributes are numerous (its large ensemble also includes Liev Schreiber as former Globe editor Marty Baron and Brian d'Arcy James as Spotlight reporter Matt Carroll), its greatest strength is its rigorous depiction of investigative journalism

and its celebration of an increasingly endangered species of news gathering. "We were driven by: Let's be as accurate and authentic as we can. Let's put our faith in that," says McCarthy, the writer-director of "Win Win" and "The Station Agent." "We kept saying: We're not going to be slick with this movie. We're not going to play games. We're going to present it."

"Spotlight" is a journalistic

procedural that gathers its drama by closely following the footsteps of the scruffy, dogged Globe reporters. Their reporting uncovered the widespread cover-up that led to Cardinal Bernard F. Law's resignation, shook the church to the Vatican and offered a modicum of justice for thousands of victims.

To make it, McCarthy and co-screenwriter Josh Singer spent more than two years researching each step of

the investigation by the reporters, who, though initially skeptical, were won over by the filmmakers' diligence. In addition to meeting with victims and journalists, McCarthy and Singer combed through documents and emails from the years of work that culminated in coverage published in 2002.

"It became apparent pretty quickly that they were intent on doing as much research about us that we did about the church initially," says Robinson. "It made us trust them more," says Renzendes.

The reporters remained involved throughout the scripting, and later met with the actors and visited the set in Toronto, which doubled for Boston.

"To the one, Josh and I really had a strong connection with them and just thought they were really interesting and dynamic people," says McCarthy. "We had a great admiration for the work they had done. As we brought actors on, and they got a chance to spend time with them, they felt the same way."

Ruffalo came away with a deep appreciation for Renzendes after shadowing him. "Rarely do you get to sit next to a master and get to understand how they work," says Ruffalo. □

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Glenn Close: I'm working out for 'Sunset Boulevard' return

LONDON (AP) — Glenn Close is getting ready to reprise her starring role as silent screen diva Norma Desmond in "Sunset Boulevard" — by taking to the treadmill. Close said Monday that her preparation involved working out. "You have to have strong muscles in you to project that kind of energy on the stage."

"So I'm getting on the treadmill, which is not something I really love to do," she told reporters at the English National Opera's Coliseum theater.

Close won a Tony Award in 1995 for the Broadway production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, based on Billy Wilder's 1950 film.

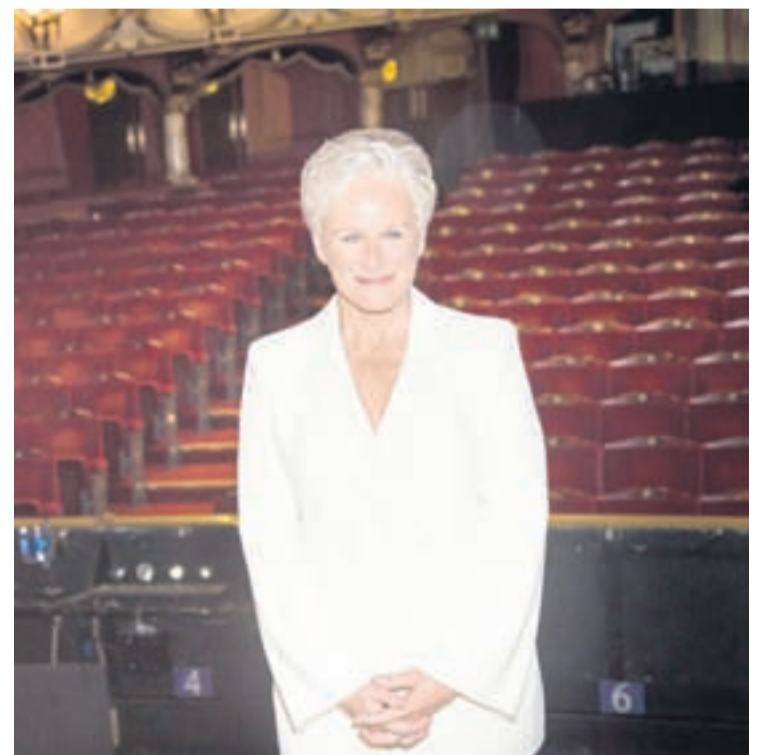
Two decades on, she will play Desmond — the faded femme fatale who declares "I am big — it's the pictures that got small" — for 43 performances at the Coliseum

starting April 1.

The production will be "semi-staged," with the opera's orchestra onstage alongside the cast.

The 68-year-old "Fatal Attraction" star has been nominated for six Academy Awards. She has won three Emmys and three Tonys. Next year's run of "Sunset Boulevard" will be Close's first time on the London stage since she starred in "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the National Theatre in 2002. Close said Norma Desmond "haunted me after I left her," and playing her again would be like discovering a new character.

"It's going to be another exploration for me, because I've had 20 years of life, I've had 20 more years of my craft, and I think she won't be exactly the same," she said. □



Glenn Close poses for photographers during a photo call for the musical "Sunset Boulevard" in London, Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

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Will Smith quells 'Concussion' controversy at Film Awards

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Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Will Smith is not expecting any pushback from the National Football League over his upcoming football drama "Concussion."

"I don't think it's going to generate too much controversy (with the NFL). There will be a little difficulty in swallowing it, as it was for me. I'm a football dad, you know," said the 47-year-old father of three.

Smith was honored Sunday at the Hollywood Film Awards for his work in "Concussion." He plays Dr. Bennet Omalu, the forensic neuropathologist who uncovered the dangerous effects of head trauma on the brain in football.

"You don't want it to be true," Smith said on the red carpet. "I think that the science is really irrefutable and the story of Dr. Bennet Omalu is such a powerful story. I think that it will be difficult at first for some, but I don't think that it's going to be that big of an issue. It's something that we have to accept."

"Concussion" made headlines after the New York Times reported that the film was altered to placate the National Football League, a charge director Peter Landesman and Sony have denied. The Grammy-winning rapper, who recently



Will Smith accepts the Hollywood actor award for "Concussion," at the Hollywood Film Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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appeared on the remix of Bomba Estereo's song, "Fiesta," also discussed his return to music after a decade-long hiatus.

"It's such a new exploration for me. The most fun that I have. There's nothing that compares to being on the stage with a hit record. So you know I've been performing a little bit with (DJ Jazzy) Jeff.

We've been sneaking out

and going to places and working out a little bit. So I think it's going to be magnificent."

Another hot-button honoree Sunday was Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight." Police associations have urged boycotts of Tarantino's movies after the filmmaker said he was "on the side of the murdered" during a recent rally against police brutality in New York. □

John Irving travels familiar roads in 'Avenue of Mysteries'



This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Avenue of Mysteries," by John Irving.

Associated Press

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Associated Press

Orphans? Check. Prostitutes? Check. A prescient child embittered by the Catholic church? Check and check. John Irving didn't manage to weave wrestling or New England into his 14th novel, "Avenue of Mysteries," but he ticks all the other boxes that will keep fans turning the pages.

Like many of Irving's stories, it unfolds in the present day and through flashbacks. Juan Diego Guerrero is an accomplished novelist in 2011. He's on his way to the Philippines to fulfill a promise he made decades ago when he was raised on a trash dump in

Oaxaca, Mexico. During his travels he is constantly mixing up doses of the beta-blocker Lopressor with Viagra, causing him to fall asleep and vividly dream of his formative years south of the border.

In the flashbacks we meet Juan Diego's sister Lupe, whose voice and conviction will remind Irving fans of their beloved Owen Meany. Instead of high-pitched yelling, Lupe speaks unintelligible gibberish that only her brother can understand. There's also a transvestite named Flor, a pair of circus dwarfs named Paco and Beer Belly, and a life-size doll of the Sister of Guadalupe.

The present-day plot isn't quite so outlandish, but it does involve a horny mother and daughter who accompany Juan Diego on his travels throughout southeast Asia.

Irving's gift is blending all these crazy plot elements together, stringing along two time lines to tell the story of Juan Diego's life from start to finish.

Or as his omniscient narrator tells it: "The chain of events, the links in our lives — what leads us where we're going, the courses we follow to our ends, what we don't see coming, and what we do — all this can be mysterious, or simply unseen, or even obvious." □

Daniel Craig in Mexico for Day of Dead premiere of 'Spectre'



Daniel Craig, poses for photographers during the photo call for the latest Bond film, Spectre, at Regis hotel in Mexico City, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015.

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Leading actor Daniel Craig waxed poetic about the apocalyptic opening scenes in the James Bond flick "Spectre," as the film prepared its regional premiere in Mexico City where some of those parts were shot. Fittingly, Craig showed up in Mexico on the Nov. 1-2 Day of the Dead holiday for Monday's premiere. The opening sequence features a sort of Day of the Dead celebra-

tion, with skeleton and skull costumes and floats.

Then, in classic Bond style, the real fireworks start. The British actor told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday that "we have buildings collapsing, we have helicopters, and I'm walking on the top of buildings and running to the streets" in the opening sequence.

Craig says "there are so many things that have to come together to work and it's a testament to the people who work on this

film that they did so beautifully."

The film is directed by Sam Mendes and was filmed in March in Mexico City, one of several locations. The film opened in Great Britain on Oct. 26, and is set to open in the United States, Canada and the rest of Latin America on Friday. Spectre also features Mexican actress Stephanie Sigman, who Craig called a "beautiful actress, really good actress."

He added, "I think she plays a very memorable part in a

very memorable scene".

The 47-year-old actor has been playing Agent 007 since his debut in 2006 in "Casino Royale." After nine years with the character, Craig said "I don't judge him at all."

"I just think he's an incredibly interesting part to play and I derive immense pleasure from doing it. You know, it's hard work but anything worthwhile is hard work," Craig said. "I play James Bond, but when I go home I don't think about it." □



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